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Eastern Command Detention Camps

Civilians Imprisoned Without Trial

NEW DELHI, February 22.

Replying to Mr. K. S. Gupta in the Central Assembly who asked if it was a fact that civilians were imprisoned in military detention camps of the Eastern Command without any trial or charges, Mr. C. M. Trivedi said that it had been necessary for operational security reasons to delegate powers under the Military Safety (Powers of Detention) Ordinance, 1944, to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, to enable him to detain certain personnel who would enter India from or after having been in the territory for the time being occupied by the enemy.

Asked for the number of civilians so imprisoned, Mr. Trivedi stated that in the interest of security he was unable to give the information.

FACILITIES FOR JAI PRAKASH.

The Home Member informed Mr. T.S.A. Chettiar that the question whether Mr. Jai Prakash Narain would be brought to trial was still under consideration. The Home Member added that Mr. Jai Prakash enjoyed all the facilities for taking legal aid which were permissible under the U. P. Security Prisoners Rules. Interviews with legal advisers were subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Superintendent might consider necessary to ensure security and prevent the passing of unauthorised communications unconnected with the case relating to which the interview was granted.

INTERVIEW WITH MEHTAB.

In answer to Mr. Abdul Qaiyum's question about an intended interview with Mr. Hari Krishna Mehtab at Ahmednagar, the Home Member explained that a brother-in-law of Mr. Mehtab applied by letter from Orissa for an interview with him In that letter the brother-in-law asked whether he would be allowed to speak in Oriya or whether he should bring an interpreter with him, as he himself did not speak English. He was asked to bring an interpreter since a conversation in Oriya could not be allowed. The interview never took place, but the intention of the Bombay Government was that the visitor should speak to the interpreter in Oriya the interpreter would translate what he said into English, within the hearing of the Camp Superintendent, and the prisoner would reply in English, his reply being translated by the interpreter for the benefit of the visitor. As the interpreter was not an official but a person chosen by the visitor, it was considered necessary for security reasons that part of the conversation should be in English. A more usual and, in the opinion of the Government of India, a more suitable procedure was to arrange for the presence of an official who knew the language in which the conversation was to be carried on in which case no part of it need be in English.

P. C. GHOSH'S TREATMENT.

Replying to a question by Sardar Mangal Sing on Dr. Prafulla Ghosh's Press statement regarding the uncivil and humiliating treatment, Sir Francis Mudie, Home Member, stated that the Government had seen the report in the Press of an informal talk which Dr. Ghosh had with the Congress workers on January 21 but it contained no allegations of uncivil or humiliating treatment.

NO SUBSIDY TO PRESS FOR N.W.F. PROPAGANDA

The Information and Broadcasting Member, Sir Sultan Ahmed, replied in the negative to Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar's question whether Government were paying subsidies directly or indirectly to any newspaper for supporting the work of the National War Front.

Sir Sultan in reply to a further question added that no part of the funds allotted by the Centre was used for subsidising newspapers. Whether Provincial Governments used any part of the provincial revenues for the purpose was not known and might well form the subject of inquiry from them direct.

The total amounts charged in the Defence Services accounts on account of stores and supplies purchased in India were in round figures Rs. 312 crores in 1943/44 and Rs. 245 crores from April to December, 1944, said the War Secretary, Mr. Trivedi, in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar.

Mr. Trivedi, replying to supplementaries about the Hydari Mission, said he would consider the question acquainting the Legislature with the broad results of the mission, but he could not undertake to place the remission before the House.—A P. & U. P.

"Atrocious Form Of Social Snobbery"

M. P's. Condemn British Seaman Who Objected To Go To India Because It Would Cause "Extreme Social Embarrassment"

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Feb. 22.

When I drew the attention to the report that able Seaman Thomas Sheldrick who had been on orders for draft to India had been posted instead to Australia to avoid "extreme social embarrassment" Mr. William Dobbie, M.P., commented: "This is an atrocious form of social snobbery. I am ashamed of it."

Another Labour M.P., Mr. Sloane, commented: "What a terrible state of affairs. This is just rank snobbery. If this man really wants to serve his country against Nazism—and Japanese imperialism, he should be willing to serve anywhere. I deplore his conduct and that of the authorities. He is a snob."

Mr. Krishna Menon commented: "It is an insult to thousands of men working on the lower deck in Britain and India fighting Fascism all over world. If a man is ashamed of being seen in his service uniform or serving his country as an able seaman why blame the Indians for it. His embarrassment is his own. This matter sheds some light on the ruling community in India—"The European"—in India's won't permit even this war for democracy to make a dent in his class-ridden snobbery and arrogance."

Seaman's Objection Gets Mixed Reception

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A mixture of amusement and understanding is the London reaction to the case of the pre-war representative of a jewellery firm in India who is reported to have been released from going to India as an ordinary seaman because he claimed it would cause him "social embarrassment."

Thomas Sheldrick, the man concerned, lived in India for nine years. "If I were seen in the uniform of the lower deck by Indian buyers and businessmen my prospects would be affected to the detriment of myself and my firm," he said. He claimed that in India he did business with Princes and wealthy merchants.

As a seaman, he said, he would be excluded from any of the clubs known to him in peace time and it would have been bad business to have met his friends as a "lower decker."

Sheldrick may be posted to Australia instead.

London Service circles take a mixed view of his case. Some dismiss the matter by remarking "Nothing less than a major is allowed in the Bombay Yacht Club", but a high ranking officer pointed out, in an interview with Globe, that the majority of men in a similar position who were in India at the outbreak of war were absorbed into the commissioned ranks and that for this man to appear as a seaman could certainly prejudice his post-war prospects. He was of the opinion that Sheldrick's commanding officer had made a wise decision.—Globe.

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Turkey To Declare War On Axis?

Sealed Letter From Mahatma

Instructions On Frontier Situation To Doctor Khan Saheb

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22.

It is learned that Sardar Aligul Khan, Sardar Abdur Rahaman Khan and Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, members of the Frontier Delegation to Wardha, who returned to New Delhi last night, are carrying a sealed letter from Mahatma Gandhi to Dr. Khan Sahib, the contents whereof are said to have not been disclosed to the members.

The Delegation explained to Gandhiji the parliamentary and other affairs of the Frontier Province and Gandhiji expressed his opinion in the letter which will be placed by Dr. Khan Sahib before the Congress Party in the Frontier Assembly.

The Delegation is meeting Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, the Leader and Mr. Abdul Gaiyum, Deputy leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly today and leaving for Peshawar on Saturday.—United Press.

Mahatma To Permit Coalition In Frontier Province?

Our Lahore correspondent adds: Has Gandhiji permitted the Frontier Congress Assembly Party to form a Coalition Ministry in the N.W.F.P.? A deputation headed by R. B. Mehrchand Khanna along with two prominent Congress leaders including the President of the Provincial Congress Committee in the N.W.F.P. waited upon Gandhiji and had long talks with him regarding parliamentary developments in the N.W.F.P.

An important member of the deputation who passed through Lahore 'en route' to Peshawar is stated to have carried instructions to Doctor Khan Sahib under a sealed cover. According to well-informed quarters it will not be surprising if under special circumstances Gandhiji authorises Doctor Khan Sahib to act as he thinks proper. Interesting developments are expected during the next Budget Session of the Frontier Assembly.

MAHATMA FOR WARDHA

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 22.—It is reliably understood that Mahatma Gandhi is coming to Wardha tomorrow to stay with Principal S. N. Agrawal for about a week.

It will be recalled that Mahatma Gandhi stayed for a few days with Mr. Agrawal in December last. It is hoped that his stay in Mr. Agrawal's Kutir for a week will provide a good change for Gandhiji before he resumes normal work after his "work fast."—United Press.

ASSEMBLY SUMMONED

Syria, Lebanon & Egypt Also To Fall In Line

ISTANBUL Feb. 22: The Turkish National Assembly has been summoned to meet in a special session on Friday. Announcement on an important decision is expected.

CAIRO, Feb. 22: Turkey is likely to declare war against the Axis at a special session of the Turkish Parliament, according to usually well-informed political circles here, wires Reuter's special correspondent. The same circles forecast that Syria and the Lebanon will quickly follow Turkey's example.

Egypt To Declare War On Germany

LONDON, Feb. 22: Reports that the Egyptian Government is going to declare war on Germany as forecast in the Press, were not denied in London to-day, writes, a Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent. British official quarters are not prepared to anticipate by way of comment on these reports any decision the Egyptian Government might take.—Reuter.

Egypt Premier Meets Wafd Leader

CAIRO, Feb. 22: A special session of the Egyptian Chamber of deputies [illegible] the Senate will be held on Saturday "in camera".

Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha to-day received Sabri Alam Pasha Secretary General of the Wafd, and communicated decisions of policy by Government. and Sabri Pasha then went to acquaint Nahas Pasha with the details.—Reuter.

'PEACE ALERT' IN ALEXANDRIA!

CAIRO, Feb. 22: Alexandria celebrated the end of the war for a few hours yesterday—by mistake. A short circuit caused all air raid sirens in the town to sound, and since this has been suggested as the means of announcing the end of the hostilities, there were scenes of great enthusiasm and rejoicing in streets and squares.—Reuter.

LL. G.'s HEALTH

LONDON, Feb. 22: Earl Lloyd George, who is ill at his Criccieth home, had a comfortable night but there was no improvement in his condition.—Reuter

'Pudukota Prince' And Stolen Jewels

NEW YORK, Feb 21: Marthanda Pudukota, who claims to be an Indian Prince and graduate of Oxford University and is charged with stealing 35,400 dollars worth of jewellery in America, has aided the police to recover some of the jewellery from pawnbrokers' shops.

A diamond wedding ring and diamond studded lorgnette with a pearl studded platinum chain are among the jewellery he is alleged to have taken from the New York home of socialite Mrs. William Coster.

When Pudukota was arrested the ring was discovered in the expensive hotel suite he occupied. The lorgnette chain has been recovered, but 17 diamonds removed from the lorgnette are still missing.

An application for reduction of the 10,000-dollar bail has been dismissed.

Pudukota is said to have come to the United States at the beginning of the war with his mother, "The Ranee", who is reported to have been at one time a barmaid in Australia and is also said to have worked as a sales-woman in a New York Fifth-avenue department store. His claim to the title of "Prince" is doubted.—Globe.

MRIDULABEN FOR BOMBAY

WARDHA, Feb. 22.—Miss Mridulaben left for Bombay today after finishing her work in connection with the Kasturba Committee.

It is understood that she will announce from Bombay the venue of the training camp for instructors.—A.P.

MOSCOW, Feb. 22: General Catroux, French Ambassador to the Soviet Union, arrived in Moscow by air.—Reuter.

65 Miles From Berlin

Red Army Drive On Two River Bastions

MOSCOW, Feb. 22: Marshal Konievs' forces on the Neisse, the main water barrier across the South-eastern approaches to Berlin are today exerting heavy pressure against the two major river bastions—Guben, 65 miles from the capital, and Goerlitz within 50 miles of Dresden, cables Reuters Special Correspondent. Fierce hand to hand clashes are taking place in the Guben area with Soviet tanks leading sallies to the Eastern outskirts of the town. Marshal Koniev's troops are also storming up to the Neisse at all sectors between Guben and Goerlitz.

Marshal Koniev, it now seems, has made considerable break-through in his all-out attack on the Neisse line south-east of Berlin. His drive is be the direction of Kottbus, a junction the direction of Kottbus, a junction town which lies right in the path of any advance towards the Spree-Oder canal and the region due south of Berlin. Guben and Forst must first be reduced, if either of these two thrusts is to be successful, and of the two, the second is the most important. Far to the rear of the Berlin front, the battle of encircled Poznan is now drawing to a close. Ten thousand Germans are still fiercely resisting along the battlemented walls of the citadel, and the German Commander has now grouped all his guns. Mortars for a last desperate stand.

In East Prussia, a violent armoured and artillery struggle is going on between Koenigsberg and the sea. By swinging their massive Panzer battering repeatedly without the slightest regard for losses, the Germans have gained some ground, and the issue whether or not they will achieve a break-through to escape from the port of Pillau is still in the balance.

Today's (Thursday's) German communique reported that the main fighting in Lower Silesia is between Zobten south of Breslau and in Lauban-Guben sector where the Russians are attacking "with strong forces to break through towards Goerlitz and beyond the Neisse."

Between Heiderode and Newe on the Vistula, the Russians made slight initial gains In East Prussia, the Soviet onslaught has increased in force, and the Russians made some slight breaches.

MOST IMPORTANT RAID OF WAR

2,200 Allied Aircraft Bomb Germany

U. S. Strategic Air Force, HQ., France Feb. 22: More than 1,400 American Liberators and Flying Fortresses accompanied by 800 fighters to-day bombed more than 20 communications targets over a wide area in Central Germany.—Reuter learns that among the targets attacked by the American 8th Air Force to-day were the marshalling yards at Luneberg, Stendal (west of Berlin), Halberstadt, Ludwigslust, Uelzen, Salzwedel, Wittenberge, Hildesheim, Kneiensen, Peine Northeim, Vienenburg, Sangerhausen and Gottingen.

All are at the junction of two or more main rail lines.

The raids were the biggest and most important of their kind of the war.

It is estimated that the tonnage of bombs dropped was 3,500. The record is over four thousand tons.

The attack was aimed at disorganizing and disrupting rail networks over a 38,000 square mile area through the very heart of the Reich.

After completing the escort a number of fighter groups dropped down "on the deck" adding to the havoc by strafing rail lines.

Nearly all German industry hinges on the movement of numerous raw materials to factories, of components to assembly centres and of finished products to their destinations. Because her oil production has dropped to a new and critical low level as a result of Allied strategic bombing nearly the entire burden of this vital industrial transportation has fallen on the one-time efficient German rail system.

Shikarpur Congressman Arrested

SHIKARPUR, Feb. 22.

Mr. Motiram Manikmal, former Secretary of the Shikarpur Congress Committee was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules for having delivered a speech on the "Independence Day" at the village of Khanpur.—A P

STOP PRESS

ORDER ON SIDHWA MOTION TALKED OUT

KARACHI, Feb. 22.—The adjournment motion of Sheikh Abdul Majid seeking to raise a debate on the restraint order served on Mr. R. K. Sidhva, Leader of the Congress Party was talked out in the Sind Assembly today.—A.P.

M.L.A. RELEASED ON PAROLE

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 22.—Mr. Kamlapati Tripathi, M.L.A., was released today at 6 p.m. from the Naini Central Jail on one month's parole owing to the illness of his father.—A.P.

Devastating Cloth Famine In Bengal

Women Commit Suicide Unable To Cover Themselves

CALCUTTA, February 22.

An exciting two hours' debate took place in the Bengal Legislative Assembly today on an adjournment motion moved by the Opposition to discuss "the failure of the Government to prevent the acute and unprecedented cloth famine that has overtaken the province, at the present moment."

The motion was rejected by 104 to 65 votes.

Mr. Atul Chandra Sen (Unofficial Congress) who moved the motion characterised the cloth famine as "devastating".

In his own district (Dacca) he had known men spending months with tattered rags tied round their bodies. He had also known cases of women not being able to come out of door, having practically no cloth to cover themselves.

He thought that the famine could have been averted by the Bengal Government to some extent. What was necessary was to point out to the Central Government the injustice that had been done to Bengal by alloting only ten yards per capita, while other provinces had got much higher quota and to sincerely try for equitable distribution of supply through some sort of rationing and prevent a portion of it from going into the black market.

Mr. Patiram Roy (scheduled caste) said that there had been cases of suicide by women on their being unable to cover themselves for want of cloth.

Mr. I. D. Jalan (Official Congress) complained that thousands of bales of textiles which had been ordered by the Government in September and October last still remained undelivered adding to the acuteness of the situation.

Dr. Nalinaksha Sanyal (official Congress) said that in the matter of distribution of cloth, which was the primary responsibility of the Provincial Government, not only had the Provincial Government failed in the discharge of their duties in these respects, but they had also set up a machinery which was corrupt from top to bottom and which should be scrapped.

Black Market, he said, was freely going on in almost every sphere of textiles, in which some of the Government officials were also involved.

Replying to the debate, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Minister for Civil Supplies, admitted that there was a cloth famine in the province, but that was very largely due to the inadequate supply. The quota allotted to Bengal was very low: He had vigorously protested against that, and if justice was not done to Bengal in this regard, the province was in for a very bad time indeed. The Central Textile Board was proposing a new scheme which envisaged the freezing of cloth from the beginning and then controlling distribution. When the new scheme would come into operation, Government, he said, would be in a position by controlling the quota holders to distribute whatever cloth they had got on an equitable basis. Under the new scheme, the Minister was almost certain they would be in a position to regulate distribution of cloth much better than before. The position taken up by the Central Government regarding the allocation of cloth to Bengal was indefensible. He intended as far as possible to explore all possibilities of rationing cloth, but did not know if they would succeed or how long it might take to enforce it.

But in the present limited supply, Mr. Suhrawardy maintained, they would be able to give only one pair of dhoti or saree, per adult which was hopelessly inadequate.

SECURITY PRISONERS GO ON HALF RATIONS TO FEED BENGAL DESTITUTES

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.

At the question time, Sir Nazimuddin, Chief Minister, informed Miss Mira Dutta-Gupta that some security prisoners in the Presidency Jail numbering about 12 were living on half diet from February 16 to the end of June, 1944, when they were drawing Re. 1 per head per day and leaving the balance from their diet for Bengal relief. The Chief Minister added that Mr. Satin Sen lived on diet equivalent to the value of one-third of the diet allowance from May 7 to 13, and later on commenced a week's fast from May 14 to 20. The cause advanced by him was that they took the step by way of protest against the Government's refusal to allow the Security Prisoners to contribute to non-official relief committees from their dietary allowance.

Sir Nazimuddin also informed that contributions from savings from the dietary allowance were permitted to be sent to the Bengal Central Fund only and that that Committee passes them to official or non-official organisations for which the contributions were earmarked by donors.—United Press.

Big Haul Of Black Market Watches: Two Arrests

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.—A big haul of black market watches valued at about one lakh was made by the police yesterday.

These included 302 gold watches, which were seized from the premises of a well-known firm of watch-dealers for their alleged refusal to sell a watch to a test purchaser. The police "begged" a further 1,078 watches from a safe-deposit-vault. The Manager and an employee of the firm have been arrested.—A.P.

MADRAS, Feb. 21: For the first time women students' are to be admitted in the Madras Veterinary College. The Government have directed that three seats in the College be reserved for women candidates in future.

Wavell's Move For Truce

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Lord Wavell, according to Lobby reports, is very reticent to use his power of certification. In pursuance of this policy efforts are being made to bring about a settlement between the Government and Opposition over the Assembly's rejection of the railway demand amounting to Rs. 82 lakhs on Monday last. If these efforts prove successful anticipations are that the Government would bring in a supplementary demand in respect of that grant towards the end of the session.

It is now revealed that the demands relate to the purchase of motor lorries under the Lend-Leases arrangement. These lorries are primarily intended to carry coal to the war zone in Assam. The demand, it is asserted, does not represent the post-war planning of railways and the running of motor lorries and buses.

Judgment In Hebsur Station Burning Case

HUBLI, Feb. 22.

Ten out of fourteen accused were acquitted by the Resident Magistrate, Dharwar, yesterday in the case arising out of the alleged burning of Hebsur station on Hubli-Gadag line and destroying of telegraph lines, etc., on 15-2-42. The remaining four accused, were found guilty and were sentenced to one year's R.I. each.—A.P.

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COUNCIL OF STATE TURNS DOWN G. S. MOTILAL'S RESOLUTION

Usman's Arguments For No Reform Of House During War-Time

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22: The Council of State by 23 votes to nine negatived to-day Mr. G. S. Motilal's resolution seeking to raise the number of elected members of the Council to 40 and to broaden the franchise.

The resolution further sought to detach the province of Sind from the general constituency of Bombay, to divide the non-Mohamedan constituency of Bombay Province into three constituencies and to form one or more separate non-Mohamedan constituency or constituencies in Sind and allot them one or more elected seats.

GOVT.'S STAND.

Sir Mchammed Usman, leader of the House, said that when the mover accused the Government and said that they had not held elections during the war but allowed the Assembly to become ten years old and the Council of State eight years old, he was attaching greater importance to the holding of elections than to winning the war. He himself, said Sir Mohammed, differed from that standpoint.

Arguments in favour of detaching the province of Sind from the non-Mohammedan constituency of the province by Bombay, the proposal to form one or more separate non-Mohammedan constituencies in Sind merited consideration, and Government were already in communication with Bombay and Sind, and were prepared to consider action on the lines outlined in the resolution. The proposition to raise the number of elected members of the Council of State to 40, as he understood it, was intended to secure a majority for the elected members; but that was the position, he said, even as the rules stood now, for the number of elected members exceeded the number of nominated members by six. This proportion was arrived at after careful consideration, having regard to the place which the second Chamber was designed to fill in the framework of the constitution.

Splitting up of a plural-member constituencies raised difficult issues both practical and political in which it would be most inappropriate at this juncture to enter. The decision to have plural-member constituencies was reached after elaborate inquiry and the present was hardly an appropriate time for reopening it.

"With regard to the clause for broadening the franchise for elections to the Council of State, Sir Mohammed Usman said that the franchise was deliberately so framed as to yield a selected and comparatively small electorate and it would not be wise to attempt a broadening of the franchise at this time of the constitutional arrangement.

Mr. Hossain Imam (Moslem League) pointed out that when they supported this resolution it was not to be understood that they were content with the present order of things. They did not wish to have anything less than Complete Independence for the peoples of India.

Mr. Hossain Imam described the nominated members as having entered the House through the back-door, or by the favour of the Governor-General.

There And Here!

Mr. Tirumala Rao (Congress) drew attention to the fact that elections were held in countries like Australia which were actively and actually engaged in the war.

Sir Mohammed Usman: There is no Congress Party in Australia preaching non-co-operation in the war.

Mr. Tirumala Rao replied that there was no British Imperialism either. In Canada, in South Africa, and in the United States of America elections were held.

"GRAVE-YARD OF MANY GOOD CAUSES".

Mr. Tirumala Rao quoted from a reply given by Sir George Todhunter to a question asked by a member in the Madras Legislative Council, where he stated that nominated members were the creatures of the Government and could not vote against their creator, and said that the Council of State, like the House of Lords, was the grave-yard of many a good cause.

A voice: I hope we are not dead yet. (Laughter)

WHAT CONGRESS DID IN MADRAS.

Sir K. Ramunni Menon said that the question of nominated members was a very controversial one. He pointed out that the Congress Ministry in Madras in 1937 nominated a member to the Council, and appointed him a Minister, and he proved most successful.

Sir N. Gopalaswami Iyengar said the proposals embodied in the resolution were such that they could be introduced within the framework of the 1919 constitution. He himself was elected. Sir N. Gopalaswamy Iyengar said, on the basis of an electoral roll which was ten years out of date!

Sir Sobha Singh asked what would be the position of minorities in the event of the resolution being accepted and whether the non-Muslim minorities in Sind and elsewhere would be given seats. If the General Constituency was increased then there would be a demand from the Muslims for more seats. The question was complicated and required detailed examination.

Replying to the debate Mr. G. S. Motilal pointed out that the United States was in the war as much as India was and yet they held elections.

Sir Mohammad Usman: It is one nation.

Mr. Hossain Imam: There are more nations in America than in India.

Mr. Motilal said that even the two-nation parties in India had unanimously demanded the holding of fresh elections. Preparations were going on in Britain and in the Dominions for the holding of elections soon after the war and it was only the Government of India which wanted to put off elections.

The resolution was put to vote and negatived. The House adjourned and will meet again at 5-30 p.m. on February 28.

KING'S SPEECH AND INDIA'S FUTURE

In the Council of State to-day Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh referred to the King's Christmas speech in which His Majesty said: "The defeat of Germany and Japan is only the first half of our task; the second is to create a world of free men, untouched by Tyranny", and asked what specific steps the Government of India had taken or proposed to take to implement the task so far as the political aspirations of India to be free were concerned.

Sir Mohammad Usman, leader of the House replied: "The policy of His Majesty's Government in regard to the future of India has been made clear in various pronouncements made from time to time, and I do not think I can usefully add to them."

VIRAMGAM CORDON.

Sir Cyril Jones, Finance Secretary, replying to the same member on the inconvenience to passengers at the Viramgam Customs Cordon in Kathiawar said that Government had seen a number of references to the subject in the Press and had made enquiries. In the main they believed the complaints were unjustified, but some defects had come to light and steps had been taken to remove them so as to cause a minimum of inconvenience to passengers.

EPIDEMICS TOLL.

Sir Jogendra Singh in reply to Mr. G. S. Motilal laid a statement showing mortality figures recorded in Bengal, Bihar and the Malabar district of victims of epidemics and other causes.

In 1943 in Bengal the total deaths numbered 1,873,749, Bihar 594,154 and Malabar 124,787. In 1944 upto Sept. Bengal 1,279,354, Bihar 488,553 and Malabar 71,238. The totals given included deaths from cholera, smallpox and fevers.

Sir Jogendra Singh further said that the number of persons cremated and buried at the expense of the Corporation of Calcutta in 1944 was 9,900.

New Cotton Textiles Regulations Order

The Bombay Cotton Cloth Trade Regulation Order of 1945 is published in a "Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary" dated February 21.

The Order extends to the whole of the Province of Bombay and comes into force in such areas, and on such dates, as may be notified by the Government from time to time. The Order forbids any dealer to sell cloth, or store cloth for sale, except in accordance with the conditions of a licence. It prescribes six classes of dealers to whom licences will be granted, and the forms of application for a licence for each class.

CLOTH DEALERS TO BE PROSECUTED

The Government of Bombay has sanctioned the prosecution of the following cloth dealers and has also suspended their licences until further notice: Messrs. M. Manibhai and Company, Bombay; Mr. Gemmal Gangaram Marwadi, Bhatkudgaon, Shevgaon taluka, Ahmednagar District; and Mr. Chaturchand Rajaram Bhandari, Deur, Koregaon taluka, Satara District. The cloth dealer's licence of Messrs. Kalyanji Hansraj, Messrs. D. Bhanvendas and Company and Messrs. Mulchand Chanderbhan and Company, all of Bombay, have been cancelled.

Privy Council To Hear Kulasekarpatnam Case Appeal

MADRAS, Feb. 22.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar informs the "United Press" that information has been received by cable from the solicitors to the condemned prisoners in Kulasekarpatnam Case in London that the application filed by India Office before the Privy Council for summary dismissal of the Kulasekarpatnam appeal on the ground that the Privy Council has already decided the question of 'ultra vires' in other cases has been dismissed and that the appeal would be heard by the Council in due course.

Mr. D. N. Pritt appeared on behalf of the condemned prisoners on February 19 when the application of the India Office was heard by the Council.—United Press.

HYDERABAD, (Deccan), Feb. 22.—The Nawab of Chhatari, President of the Nizam's Council, inaugurated the Hyderabad Legislative Council today.—A.P.

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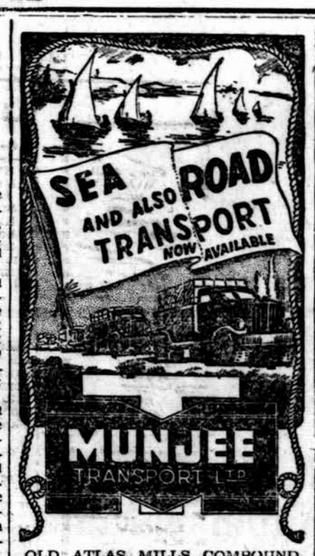

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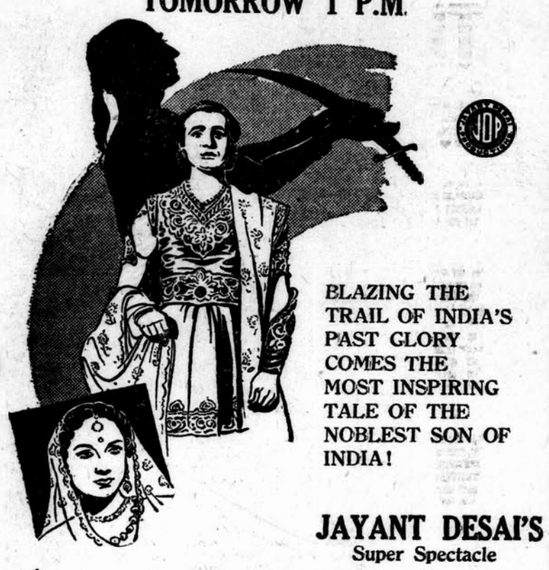

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Hightide: 10-30, 23.48.
Lowtide: 5-17, 16.48.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3 p.m. (B. T.).
Improvements Committee, 2-30 p.m. (B. T.).

Domestic Occurrence

OBITUARY

MEHTA—Framji Shapurji, Solicitor (of Messrs. Little & Co., Solicitors), father of Nariman, Jal Phirojsha, Jerbai and late Dinbai. Son-in-law of late Bachoobai and Cawasji N. Cooper. Funeral Dungarwadi, Upper Bangli, at 9 a.m. (N.S.T.) to-day.

To-day's Engagements

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF INDIA: Annual General Meeting, at 6-30 to-day.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION DRIVE: Mass Propaganda meeting, 6.45 p.m. Open space near Ripon Theatre, Khetwadi, 11th Lane in Marathi.

BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: Cinema show for members at 6.30 p.m., in St. Xavier's College Hall.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BANKERS: Prof. J. J. Anjaria on "Value of Money" at the Institute's premises, at 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Psychic Phenomena and Spiritualism" from the Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, 6-15 p.m.

HEALTH EXHIBITION: Health Exhibition at the Victoria Gardens open from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and cinema films shown from 8-15 p.m to 9-15 p.m (No entrance fee).

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER: Will meet the elected members of Ward No. 13, to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B. T.), at the Byculla Fire Brigade Station and go round with them in the Ward.

SIR HOMI MODY: Sir Homi Mody is leaving Bombay for Delhi on Friday, (Feb. 23), to attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Sapru Committee, which is going to frame the report after considering the various representations it has received.

"NAVI MARATHI PUSTAKEN": Prof. R. S. Jog will broadcast a review of the latest Marathi publication to-day, at 7.00 p.m from All-India Radio, Bombay. His talk will be broadcast on 244 and 61.48 meters.

"APSARANCHYA RAJYAT": This imaginative musical feature introducing listeners to the realm of fairies will be broadcast by All-India Radio, Bombay, to-day, at 9.00 p.m., on 89.15 meters. It is written in Marathi by Datta Davjekar and is produced by Rohini Wagle the well-known dancer.

SAMARTH CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP CUP: Prize distribution gathering at 5-30 p.m., at the Elphinston College Ground on the Oval Maidan for the S. C. Tournament, 1945. Sir Henry Knight, Adviser (Finance) to the Governor of Bombay, will preside and give away the prizes.

KANARA BROTHERHOOD: Symposium on "As I Look-Ahead", to-day, at 6-15 p.m (N. S. T.), at Blavatsky Lodge, Chaupatty. Sjts. S. K. Patil and Mirza Akhtar Hassan, and Atiya Begum will speak. Sjt. Nagindas T. Master will preside.

BOMBAY MUSICIAN FELICITATED. On the 26th of January last, a pleasant function was held at Mithbao in Ratnagiri District under the presidentship of Prof. D. V. Parakhe, M.A., in honour of Prof. Kashinathrao Phatak, the Bombay musician who was awarded the title of "Sangitratna" and a Gold-Medal.

KASTURBA DAY AT MATUNGA. A students' meeting was held under the presidentship of Mr. B. N. Maheshwari at Arya Samaj Hall to celebrate Kasturba Day at Matunga. A girl student named Miss Dave sang national songs at the meeting. After "Vande Mataram" the meeting dispersed.

BOMBAY INSURANCE BROKERS' ASSOCIATION: A deputation, consisting of Messrs. S. Ramdatt and M. J. S. Dharamsey, has left Bombay for New Delhi by the Punjab Mail this afternoon to safeguard the interest of the members of the Bombay Insurance Brokers' Association, while the various amendments to the Insurance Act, 1938, are for discussion before the Central Legislative Assembly.

RED ARMY DAY CELEBRATION: The Red Army Day celebration to-day (Friday), at Cama Oriental Hall, Apollo St., Fort, at 6-30 p.m., with a public meeting. Sjt. N. V. Gadgil presiding. Sjt. Mama Varerkar, Dr. Patwardhan, Dr. R. Naidu, Sjt. N. K. Krishnan and Sjt. K. A. Abbas will address followed by one-hour programme of Soviet music, rendered by Mrs. Martha Naidu, Miss Patuck and others.

SMT. SAROJINI NAIDU'S TRIBUTE. Smt. Sarojini Naidu has paid the following tribute to the Red Army in her message to the Red Army Day function:—

"Though India has chosen the weapon of non-violence in her battle for freedom, no Indian can deny a high and envious tribute to the incomparable courage, fortitude and skill of the Red Army which, in these recent years especially, has given such magnificent proof of its heroic quality and worth."

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL'S: To-day (Friday), at University Convocation Hall, Talk on "Culinary Art on a Scientific Basis" by Miss Jaiji Kapadia; on "Women's Role in Civic Life" 12 noon to 12-45 p.m., by Mr. U. M. Mirchandani; on Women's Civic Conference", 12-45 to 1-15 p.m., by Mrs. J. S. Lam.

At Bhagini Samaj Hall, Sarojini Road, Vile Parle. Talk on "Council's Movement", 4 to 4.35 p.m. by Mrs. Sulochana Modi; on "Domestic Science and Artistic Home Keeping", 4-35 p.m. "At Home" and Variety Entertainment.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS: The health returns of Bombay during the week ended 17th February, were as under:—The mortality 739 was 42 more than that for the last week and the death-rate registered was 25.8 on the census population of 1941 and compares favourably with that for the 7th week of 1944 viz. 982 deaths and 34.3 the death-rate. The present population is about 23,00,000 and if the death-rate is calculated on the actual population it will be 16.7. The average mortality for the corresponding week during the preceding quinquennium was 684 and the death-rate 24.9. Out of the total deaths 151 were among infants under 1 year of age.

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.: The amount of New Life Assurance Business written by the Oriental during 1944 was 87,369 Policies assuring Rs. 21,83,70,285.

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Urdu Conference

First Bombay Urdu Conference will open at the Saboo Siddiq Institute Ground, Shepherd Road, Byculla, today. Dr. Moulvi Abdul Huq, General Secretary All-India Anjuman-i-Taraqqi-i-Urdu, Delhi, will preside.

Regal Screens Wilson's Life

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Regal Cinema will screen what will turn out to be the Screen's most thrilling achievements viz. "Wilson". It is the story of President Wilson's life, the philosopher statesman who founded the League of Nations. It is a 20th Century Fox production in technicolour and has been hailed everywhere it was shown before. It is a picture in which the whole of the internationally minded humanity will be interested.

After several years of labour, Kig Vidor has brought to the screen one of the truly great stories of humanity in "An American Romance" which is majestic in sweep and fabulous in its canvas, covering as it does the life and work of a courageous adventurer that tells many stories in one, and chiefly the story of the American Democracy.

We follow the trials and tribulations of Steve Dangos, adventure-loving and go-getting foreigner who lands in America determined to make good and acquire for himself some of the bounties of that great country of opportunity. He meets Anna O'Rourke, a school teacher, and a romance develops between the two. Anna has great admiration for the sturdy and progressive Steve, and encourages him to enter the steel business.

Brian Donlevy and Ann Richards give fine performances as Steve and Ann Dangos respectively and the rest of the cast render worthy support to make this Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film a jewel in technicolour.

"TILL WE MEET AGAIN"

The mighty roles played by the French Underground in the liberation of France is well depicted in this story of two people one, an aviator, the other a lovely French nun who helps the American aviator to escape from the Nazis with vital information. Ray Milland and Barbara Britton star while good support is lent by Walter Slezak, Lucile Watson and many others. Directed with great sensitivity by Frank Borzage "Till We Meet Again" becomes one of the screen's most delicately conceived romances.

"THREE RUSSIAN GIRLS"

The battle in "Three Russian Girls", the Gregor Rabinovitch production at Strand it is a real battle. In fact, the height of realism is reached in this film.

"Three Russian Girls" is a story of the heroism of the Russian women who went to the front as volunteer nurses. It is a United Artistes release starring Anna Sten, who was born in Kiev, Russia, playing opposite her is Kent Smith, one of Hollywood's most likeable leading men, and the fine supporting cast includes Cathy Frye, Mimi Forsaythe Alexander Granach and Paul Guilfoyle.

AT EXCELSIOR & EMPIRE

Edward Small's "Up in Mabel's Room" at Excelsior is a United Artists release. It is a very enjoyable comedy with Majorite Reynolds, Dennis O'Keefe, Gail Patrick, Mischa Auer, Charlotte Greenwood and others in the cast. It is full of sunshine and laughter throughout.

"Give Us the Moon" is an Eagle Lion release starring Margaret Lockwood and Victor Oliver in a romantic, gay comedy. It will be seen at New Empire from to-day.

OPENED BURMA ROAD ON SCREEN

First-run theatres in India will be screening one of the most sensational newsreels to be brought to the screen in recent years from to-day when Newsparade's special of the re-opening of the Burma Road goes into release.

The journey of the first convoy to reach China is one of the epics of the present war and the rebuilding of the road mile by mile is one of the greatest feats of engineering since the construction of the Panama Canal. Newsparade pictures give a detailed and realistic account of the miraculous manner in which the convoy reached its destination safely in spite of natural barriers and Jap aerial attacks.

Bombay Landlords Fined

Action for failing to keep in efficient repairs the water fittings within the premises and for wastage of water was taken by the Hydraulic Engineer's Department and the following landlords were convicted and fined at the Municipal Court, Esplanade, before the Bench of Honorary Presidency Magistrates on Wednesday.

All the accused persons pleaded guilty to the charges

Deoraj Ananda, owner of property Nos. 114-116, Modi Street was fined Rs. 50.

Syed Akbar Husein Zariwala, owner of property, Street Nos. 15-19, Mirzaali Street, was fined Rs. 30.

Premanand T. Chandra, owner of property, Street No. 21, Naviwadi was fined Rs. 30.

Govindji Madhavji, owner of property, Street No. 25, Vithaldas Road, was fined Rs. 20

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, Feb. 23.

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244 m. (1,221 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Saleh Mohammad and Party. 8-45 Violin. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Light Songs. 9-30 Panditrao Nagarkar.

12.30 p.m. Songs (M). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Naaten and Qawwaliyan. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5-0 T. D. Tambatkar. 5-20 Sonibai Mulgaonkar. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Aurgonauts. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (G). 6-50 Raag Multani. 7-0 Navi Marathi Pustaken 7-15 Saleh Mohammad and Party. 7-30 T. D. Tambatkar. 7-45 Music from Film. 8-0 Sonibai Mulgaonkar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Panditrao Nagarkar. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 World Affairs (B. B. C.). 10-0 Saleh Mohammad and Party. 10-20 Gat Tora on Tabla. 10-30 Panditrao Nagarkar.

ALL-INDIA OPTICIANS CONFERENCE

A SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE of All-India Optician's Association will be held on SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 24th and 25th February, 1945 at 11 a.m. to 6-30 p.m. at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute 136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 22.—The following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours I.M.T. on 10/2:

Allahabad 81 51 0, BOMBAY 82 64 0, Calcutta 85 65 0.1, Cawapore 80 53 0, Cuttack nil nil nil, Darjeeling 50 34 0, Delhi 76 45 0, Dehra Dun 71 42 0, Jacobabad 80 42 0, Karachi 78 59 0, Lahore 77 41 0, Lucknow 83 47 0, Madras 86 72 0, Nagpur 83 60 0, Patna 80 53 0, Peshawar 70 39 0, Shillong 62 48 0, Simla 47 34 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The broad-minded see the truth in different religions; the narrow-minded see only the difference.

—Chinese Proverb.

The Bombay Chronicle

RAILWAY DEBATE

The Government of India sustained a number of defeats in the voting on motions condemning various aspects of railway policy. Indeed, this has been a regular feature for several years past but it has had little effect on the unconstitutionally irresponsible Government. One of the worst features of the railway policy is the unconscionable neglect of the interests of the third class passengers. This neglect has continued for years past and is not even a war time disability, as officials attempted to make out. Yet as Mr. Ram Narain Singh of the Congress Party pointed out in the 23-page speech of the War Transport Member there was not even a word of sympathy, let alone any provision of amenities, for third class passengers. On the contrary the Transport Member remarked in his budget speech that travel was very cheap in India and suggested that consequently the railways could not afford amenities for the third class passengers. But it is this class that is the biggest source of the railway revenue from passenger traffic. The first class did not even pay its way and as Mr. K. C. Neogy remarked, the third class passenger is subsidising first class travel. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta had good reason to charge the Railway Board with cynical indifference to the needs of 40 crores of passengers who really maintained the railways since in a budget of Rs. 220 crores the provision made for amenities to third class passengers was only about 4 lakhs.

Railway travelling in the third class being insufferable, many people prefer travel by bus. But Government has unduly restricted bus traffic and the railways are now trying to control road traffic, too, by acquiring a substantial interest in it. A new proposal in that direction is a budget provision of Rs. 82 lakhs for the running of lorries by railways. The Assembly justly carried Sir Yamin Khan's motion to refuse this grant. If Government's proposal were immediately carried out, it would ruin thousands of men living on the income of one or two lorries or bullock carts. The official suggestion that the owners of lorries or buses could acquire shares in a combine with the railways can hardly be a substitute for a system by which the small owners earn a return for their work as well as capital. Mr. Bhulabhai Desai pointed out that since the Tapti Valley Railway came into existence half the earnings of bullock cart traffic between Bardoli and Surat had disappeared. If a large number of lorries are used by the railways suddenly the blow to the bullock cart is bound to be much greater. It is not suggested that the railways should never have their own lorries as feeders; but as Mr. Bhulabhai urged, the readjustment of the economy of the country requires far more care and caution than is now given to the problem.

Most of the evils in the Railway Department are due to the fact that it is dominated by Europeans. As was shown by Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar, who moved a cut motion to discuss Indianisation of the higher grades in the Railway Services, there are only two Indians on the Railway Board out of five and in the nine principal Railways, there is only one Indian General Manager. On the B. B. and C. I. Railway out of 81 officers drawing Rs. 1,000 there are only 14 Indians; in the G. I. P., out of 53 only 25 are Indians; in the B. N. Railway out of 129 officers only 42 are Indians, and in the Bengal and Assam Railway there are 30 Indians out of a total of 96 officers. In view of these revealing facts the Assembly had no difficulty in carrying the cut motion. If Government thinks it can easily flout the opinion of the House and of the public, it will soon find itself left without a friend.

Another Preserve

We have often pointed out the favouritism shown to Europeans in filling higher posts in the Railway Department. That state of things prevails in several other departments too. Take, for instance, the case of the Imperial Bank of India. As compared with the Europeans employed in the Bank there is a great disparity in the pay and allowance paid to the Indian Assistants doing the same class of work. Indians often getting less than half the salary given to the Europeans. When the scheme for training Indians for the posts of Assistants was launched about twenty years ago, it was understood that the Indian Assistants could rise to the highest post in the Bank provided their work was satisfactory, but in practice just a few Indian Assistants after about twenty years service have been promoted as IV Grade staff officers. They reach the Maximum of this grade after twenty seven years of service while a European employee of the Bank takes only from seven to ten years to reach the maximum of the grade.

That is not all. The Indian Assistants, even when appointed as agents are allowed only second class fare, but the staff officers are allowed first class fare. Indian Assistants are not confirmed as Agents although they work as Agents even sometimes from 3 to 10 years. We understand that cases have occurred when after working for 10 years as Agents they have been reverted to Head Office where they get no allowance. Finally, it is said that all key appointments are in the hands of Europeans and not one appointment out of 20 carrying a salary of Rs. 2,000 and over is held by an Indian. Can racial favouritism go further?

Frankly Speaking

Interesting "Incident"

Washington and Paris versions of President Roosevelt's invitation to General de Gaulle and the latter's rejection of it both show that the French leader had yielded to his own feeling of pique and annoyance. It may be that President Roosevelt should have visited Paris. But he had a reasonable excuse. He had been away from his country long. And he wanted to meet General de Gaulle in a French port. The General's excuse that pressure of work required his continued presence in Paris does not sound much more than an unoriginal retort. As to the argument which implied that he was not among the participants at the Yalta Conference and was more or less ignorant of what was done there, that ought really to have justified a meeting instead of ruling it out. And, in any case, if statesmen were to meet only if they had met before there would never be any meeting. This diplomatic "incident" is, however, extremely interesting as a revelation of conflicts between the Powers and, even more so, of the reasons for those conflicts.

Churchill And The Charter

Mr. Winston Churchill took occasion in the House of Commons again to tell the world that the Atlantic Charter was a solemn platitude rather than a concrete reality. Having served the purpose for which it was mainly formulated it has now been securely put on the shelf to keep company with so many other assurances, pledges, charters and guides to conduct which are meant never to be followed but to be honoured in their breach. The present occasion was furnished by a Conservative who had asked about the application of the Atlantic Charter to Poland and the Baltic States. This might be good "anti-Bolshevism" but bad Imperialism. Apart from the problem of Europe, Mr. Churchill has good Imperialist reason to let the sleeping charter lie. The Russians, whether under a tacit or only sub-conscious Gentleman's Agreement, do not talk of the rights under the Atlantic Charter of the colonies and dependencies of Western Imperialism so long as their Allies do not talk of the Charter in relation to Poland and the Baltic States. It is quite a satisfactory situation and Mr. Churchill must be secretly fuming at the blind folly of his fellow-imperialists.

Premature

According to the Tokyo correspondent of the German Overseas Agency the Allies, the Chinese and Americans, were preparing an offensive in south-western China. If the offensive is suggested as a big scale affair designed decisively to influence the strategic situation in the China theatre, the report, we fear, is both exaggerated and premature. The Chinese may have 90 divisions in Yunnan—which too seems exaggerated—but they are divisions more in name than in the reality of equipment. In this respect the 30,000 Americans in South China are equivalent almost to the entire Chinese force. It is possible that what the German report forecasts is some offensive activity to co-ordinate and supplement General Sultan's drive from northern Burma. But it is relatively a minor campaign in objective, scale and speed. The Chinese can, and, we are sure, will, strike in a big and decisive manner when they receive sufficient tools for the job.

U. S. And Latin America

The Foreign Ministers of the United States and Latin America are meeting in an important conference in Mexico City. The problem that Latin American States face are how to safeguard their individual sovereignty—incidentally most of them are dictatorships in varying degrees—vis-a-vis the United States and at the same time how to keep on the right side of the United States which is both a democracy and a dominating economic power. They have to a great extent solved the problem by declaring war on the Axis and Japan or breaking off diplomatic relations. But they fear the U.S.A. and want Latin American Solidarity. This makes the position of the Argentine "one of the most acute issues". The U.S.A. is openly antagonistic to Argentine, which has nearly always defied the U.S.A. and latterly went too far on the path of dictatorship, making little secret of its preference for the Nazis and Fascists. But Argentine is now trying to solve the problem for the other Latin States as well as its own difficulties. It formally broke off relations with the Axis sometime ago. Now on the eve of the Mexico City Conference it has proclaimed a grave quarrel with Germany hinting even at the possibility of war. It remains, however, to be seen whether this will mollify the U.S.A. Washington wants practical proofs of a change of heart. It, moreover, objects to the present virtually Fascist regime in Argentine and is officially committed to that objection.

HEALTH OF PUNJAB DETENUS

Opposition Complains Premier Evades Reply

LAHORE, Feb. 22: In the Punjab Assembly to-day the Premier stated during question hour that the total number of 1942 Civil Disobedience detenus upto the end of November last was 52, of security prisoners 109 (including 10 detained under the orders of the Government of India), and of Civil Disobedience convicts 46.

Asked whether Government intended to release them, the Premier said that their cases were reviewed at six monthly intervals except those of civil disobedience convicts who are released on the expiry of their sentences.

A question about the weight and the present state of health of the Congress M.L.A.'s in jail and the facilities given to them elicited the answer from the Government that the information asked for could not be supplied as its collection would entail an expenditure of time incommensurate with any benefits to be obtained. A statement, however, on the dates of their arrests and the names of the jails they are kept in was laid on the table.

GOVT. EVADING REPLY

Some Congress and Muslim League members complained to the Speaker that Government were purposely evading a reply about the health of Congress M.L.A.'s in jail. They requested the Speaker to intervene and force Government to give a proper answer.

The Speaker observed that he had no power to do so.

In reply to another question the Premier stated that 16 members of the Assembly are employed by Government as Assistant Recruitment Officers.

Sardar Sohan Singh Dosh (Congress) caused laughter in the House by asking whether there were any Unionist members who did not draw benefit from the present Government in one form or another.

The total amount of punitive police tax realised by Government in the Ferozepore District during the last two financial years was Rs. 3,08,535 it was stated in answer to another question.—A. P.

Noisy Scenes In Punjab Assembly

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

Noisy scenes marked the proceedings of the Punjab Assembly to-day when it discussed non-official bills and resolutions. There were shouts and counter-shouts from the Opposition and the Ministerialist benches, and the Speaker, Sir Shahabuddin, frequently called the members to order.

When interruption continued from Opposition benches demanding that the Minister should make a speech and not read a written statement the Speaker warned members that he would be forced to take action if they did not maintain order.

Earlier the House refused leave to the introduction of a number of non-official bills including Shrimati Rajkumar Kaur's (Congress) bill to define the powers and privileges of Assembly members. The Premier said that Government intended to bring forward a bill to define the powers and privileges of the members.—A. P.

Sikh Case For Sapru Committee

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

A memorandum setting out the political case of Sikhs for the Sapru Conciliation Committee was handed over to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru by Master Tara Singh today.

Although details of the Sikh memorandum are not known, it is learnt that the claim of the Muslims for Pakistan has been examined and an attempt has been made to establish with facts and figures that the Punjab is the homeland of Sikhs and not of the Muslims as claimed by the Muslim League in their Lahore Resolution of 1940 on this subject.

Among the signatories to the memorandum are Master Tara Singh, Sardar Sampuran Singh, M.L.A., Giani Kartar Singh, M.L.A., Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia, Principal Jodh Singh, Khalsa College, Amritsar, Rai Bahadur Bakhshi Singh of New Delhi, Sardar Sardoolh Singh, M.L.A., Sardar Bahadur Ujjal Singh, M.L.A., and a number of others from different parts of the province.

The memorandum has been signed besides public men of different schools of thought, by as many as 18 members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.—A.P.

Messrs. S. M. Joshi and C. V. Gupte, prominent Congress workers of Maharashtra who were detained so far in Nasik Road Central Prison as security prisoners, were removed to the Sabarmati Jail via Dadar by the Ahmedabad Passenger on Thursday night.

Indictment Of Railway Financial Policy

MOTION FOR MORE DEARNESS ALLOWANCE TO RAILWAYMEN PASSED IN ASSEMBLY

The Central Assembly to-day passed by 51 votes to 42 Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's cut motion asking for more dearness allowance to railway employees.

Earlier the House discussed the financial position of Railways with special reference to post-war development on a cut motion moved by Mr. H. G. Stokes on behalf of the European Group. After the debate Mr. Stokes withdrew his motion.

Moving his cut Mr. Stokes said that whatever be the Government after the war railways would require a large betterment programme and would have to face a great outlay and a Government, which now sat with folded hands and made no plans for the future just because it did not enjoy the full confidence of the country would deserve the criticism of failing in its duty. As part of the post-war programme, Mr. Stokes urged Government to have a separate reserve fund earmarked specifically for the purpose of amenities for third class passengers.

GOVT. ASSURANCE

Mr. Zahid Hussain Financial Commissioner, Railways, expected the Railways to start at the end of the war with a balance of at least Rs. 92 crores in the Depreciation Fund which he suggested was not so inadequate as to cause anxiety about post-war plans.

Mr. B. Das (Congress) asked if the new system of allocating expenditure under the Benthall dispensation had been accepted by the Finance Department. That new system, Mr. Das declared was contrary to the spirit of the Convention of 1924 and to the spirit of the Finance Department but it accorded with the spirit of the European Group.

Sir Raza Ali (Muslim League) asked that the loss on strategic lines should be borne by the Defence Budget and expressed disapproval of the policy of placing large orders abroad for locomotives.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir urged the need for caution in running the Railway Department and laid down the principle that all money required for rehabilitation of Railways should be put aside in the Depreciation Fund while the Reserve Fund should pay for amenities and improvements.

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed criticised the present method of accountancy on the Railways and urged that allocation of expenditure should be made on the principle that all expenditure which would yield returns should be met from capital and all expenditure which would produce no returns should be met from revenues.

Mr. K. C. Neogy referred to the criticism made by the Convention Committee that no statistics were available to watch and find out when an asset became uneconomic and required replacement.

"CHAOTIC AND ANTI-SOCIAL"

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta declared that the allocation of Rs. 32 crores to the General Revenues was 'ultra vires' of the Convention, which required that the allocation should only be made after a resolution was brought before the House and passed. He characterised the present financial policy as cautious to a ridiculous'y excessive extent, arbitrary, chaotic and anti-social and asserted that financial and economic policy should have a social objective and must be judged by the extent to which it promoted human values.

Sir Edward Benthall expressed agreement with the emphasis placed on caution. He pointed out that the natural development of lines in such areas as Orissa and Assam was very much in the programme of railways in consultation with the Governments of these provinces who had pressed for development on the basis that the lines would pay in the long run. As for the idea of a special fund for amenities, Sir Edward said he had never been fond of special funds but favoured a reserve fund which would give the man in charge a certain amount of freedom of action. The whole question would, however, be placed before the Standing Finance Committee and he had no reason to suppose that Government would have difficulty in accepting its recommendations in the light of the conditions which might exist.

Mr. Stokes withdrew his motion.

JUSTICE TO RAILWAYMEN.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta moved his cut motion to discuss "inadequacy" of the scale of dearness allowance paid to railway workers. He estimated the profit of railways in the current financial year as Rs. 80 crores and he said if 25 per cent of it or Rs. 20 crores was given to railwaymen as dearness allowance, it would be some justice to men who had helped run the railways as no other people had helped. He calculated that one man in every 40 in India depended on the Railways for his livelihood and hence the importance of the question.

Among other grievances, he mentioned that 200 clerks in the Railway Clearing Office in Delhi were for want of chairs obliged to stand and do their work for six months.

(Finance Member: Long standing grievance) (Laughter).

From her personal knowledge of the condition of railwaymen's families whom she visited, Mrs. Subbarayan declared that the standard of wages envisaged by the Rau Committee was not there.

Mr. N. M. Joshi quoted another part of the Rau Committee's Report in which they recommended a scale of dearness allowance which would work out at Rs. 45. Even this figure, he said, would not be enough under present conditions but he was prepared to be content with it. If Government did not agree to give this, they must at least agree to refer the matter to arbitration.

GOVT. REPLY

Col. Wagstaff explained that Railwaymen were already getting Rs. 20 crores by way of dearness allowance and grain shops. In consultation with the Railwaymen's Federation—which he said, had been fruitful—the dearness allowance given first in 1940 had been revised five times till now. Besides this some 700 grain shops were being run which sold to Railwaymen many necessaries which could not be got in the bazar or could only be got at high prices. He urged that this was not the time to revise scales of pay. That should wait till normal times returned. To meet the temporary and fluctuating difficulties of the present, relief was being provided in cash and in kind.

Mr. Frank Anthony asked the War Transport Member to throw his weight against such proposals as payment of war allowances to people getting Rs. 1,000 but to increase the dearness allowance to men on lower pay.

Sir Edward Benthall pointed out that it must be remembered that railwayman were Government servants and their claims must be considered in relation to those of other Government servants and of Provincial Government servants.

He added that a meeting of the Railway Board with the Railwaymen's Federation would take place shortly and the question would be considered in detail.

The motion was pressed to a Division and carried by 51 votes to 42.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.—A.P.

Americans Enter Saarburg

24 More Towns Taken After Crossing Saar

U.S. THIRD ARMY FRONT, Feb. 22.—The United States Third Army has taken 24 more towns and crossed the Saar river south of Saarburg today, in assault boats, Vianden and Dasburg have been captured, Reuter adds this is the first Allied crossing of the Saar south of Saarburg.

The United States Third Army has cleared Saarburg on the west bank of the river Saar. After clearing the town the Allies advanced three miles and are now only a mile and a quarter from Konz at the junction of the Moselle and the Saar rivers.

Reuter adds that earlier reports said that General Patton's tanks had entered Saarburg which stands on the Saar river only 11 miles south of Trier.

S.H.A.E.F. message states: First Canadian Army troops have entered Moyland, the German strongpoint on the Cleve-Calcar Road just north of Calcar. Goch has been finally cleared.

An earlier message states: The Germans appear to have been taken off their guard by the armoured thrust by the United States Third Army into the Triangular sector formed by the converging of the rivers Moselle and Saar, and a total of 2,400 prisoners have been taken in the last 24 hours. Latest reports say that General Patton has now advanced nine miles since his new thrust.

With Goch virtually cleared up, the Canadian First Army's attacks are again picking up momentum. At the same time the British are closing in along the Goch-Udem Railway line.

American Seventh Army troops have cleared the French border town of Spicheren, south of Saarbruecken. —Reuter.

PAPER-MAKING IN JAILS

MADRAS, Feb. 22.—The Madras Government have sanctioned the manufacture of paper as an experiment for a year in the Central Jails of Rajamundry, Bellary, Vellore, Salem and Trichinopoly, the District Jail of Madura and the Penitentiary of Madras. They have also approved the incurring of the necessary expenditure of about Rs. 4,100 on the employment of paper-making instructors in those jails.—United Press.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS HIT BASEBALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22: The whole of American sports world will have to curtail its travel sharply and the 1945 world baseball series may be cancelled as a result of a new Government "request". The request made by the office of defence transportation, was addressed initially to baseball, which was asked to cut its travel 25 per cent compared with 1944. All other athletic teams, amateur and professional are also expected to cut all travel by at least a quarter.

A statement issued after a conference between the major League Presidents and the Director of the Office of Defence Transportation said that the world series would be held only if transport and war conditions at the time permit. The major League all star game scheduled at Boston in July will not be played.—Reuter.

India To Spend £1,000,000,000 On Agriculture

ADELAIDE, Feb. 21: India is buying 90 per cent of all former Australian exports to Japan.

This is announced by Sir Datar Singh, leader of the Indian industrial delegation now in Australia.

He added that after the war India would take more Australian exports and would spend £1,000,000,000 on agricultural development.—Globe.

Liberation Will Not At Once Bring Burma Rice

Mr. Appleton, Director of Public Relations, Burma Government, said that the greatest problem for the rehabilitation of Burma's rice industry would be the acute shortage of cattle for agricultural purposes caused by the war and large scale slaughter by the Japanese.—A.P.

VINDICTIVE PEACE MAY HARM VICTORS

Roman Catholics Appeal For True Brotherhood

LONDON, Feb. 23: The Roman Catholic Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland to-day have issued a joint statement on "the principle to be observed in securing just and lasting peace". The Peace Conference, says the statement, should not make any final or irrevocable decisions until the fever of war has abated. "Armistice terms are directed to punishment of aggressors. Peace terms must be directed towards their rehabilitation. Economically, no less than morally, a vindictive peace would harm the victor nations. Punishment of war criminals is both desirable and necessary. But questions of punishment should be decided long before the conference sits to discuss the treaty of peace."

"Totalitarianism, by whatever name it may be described, is in conflict with Christian principles. Hatred, whether of race or class, is an insurmountable obstacle to peaceful relations. Frontiers, trade agreements and colonisation must be considered with an eye not to military strategy but to the well-being of all people. The Press and radio throughout the world should combine to foster true internationalism which is founded on love of brotherhood. To this end, less emphasis should be laid upon national sovereignty and historical grievances.

"Nations which refuse to allow their nationals to visit the outside world or receive ideas from abroad should be recognised as wreckers of harmony in the world family. Full liberty must be granted to all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.—Reuter.

Million Nazis Captured Since Nov. 1942

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22: Allied capture of German prisoners has reached the total of over 9,00,000 men, said the War Secretary, Mr. Stimson, at a Press Conference today.

Mr. Stimson said: "This total is all the more impressive considering that voluntary surrenders have been a rare occurrence and then only in small numbers. As a general rule nowhere are the Germans giving up unless their force of our arms leaves them no recourse."

Mr. Stimson read a message from General Eisenhower that "resistance remains stiff along the entire front."

Mr. Stimson added that to the total of 9,00,000 prisoners could be added 1,00,692 captured in Italy and Sicily and 1,34,300 in Africa not including Italians. This made a total of 1,134,992 captured from German armies since November 1942.—Reuter.

FATE OF JAP EMPEROR

CHUNGKING, Feb. 21.

The fate of the Emperor of Japan after the war will be for the United Nations War Crimes Commission to decide, said the Chinese Government spokesman today.

The Chinese attitude in general, the spokesman added was that the Japanese should be allowed to choose their own Government after the war.—Reuter.

2nd All-India Textile Conference & Exhibition

Those trite-sounding words "interesting and instructive" will take on a new meaning when the 2nd All-India Textile Conference and Exhibition, organised by the Textile Association (India) in collaboration with the V. J. T. Institute, opens on the 27th of this month at the V. J. Technical Institute, Bombay.

The Conference will be open to those actively interested in the textile industry and will consist of papers and discussions on various aspects of the industry. It will be inaugurated by Sir Joseph Kay, the mill magnate of Bombay on the 27th February. Presidents on the remaining days of the Conference have been chosen from other leaders of the industry.

The Exhibition is open to the general public and in order that as many people as possible may visit it during the Holi Holidays, it will remain open for one full week from February 27th to March 4th.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CALCUTTA, Feb. 21.—It is understood that two experts of the I.L.O. are shortly coming to India from U.S.A. to study the health insurance scheme of the Government of India. They are expected to visit Calcutta where they will acquaint themselves with the views of Labour Organisations.—Orient Press.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.—Holi, the annual "colour-throwing" festival of the Hindus which heralds the advent of the spring, may not be celebrated in the traditional manner in Bengal. The Congress Volunteers' Association has appealed to the Hindus to celebrate Holi with "Abir" and "Kumkum" only.

CUTTACK, Feb. 20.—The Government of Orissa propose to send about 30 students for foreign training about the middle of the year in 1945. The selection will be made through the Joint Public Service Commission. —A.P.

RATNAGIRI, Feb. 21: A fire broke out in Adivara in Rajapur Taluka as a result of which six hamlets of agriculturists were completely gutted. Arrangements for giving relief to the people thus rendered homeless are being made by a member of the Dist. local board.

Our Indore correspondent says Maharaja Dhar's sister and Maharaja Dewas Senior's daughter are to be married to Bhonsle brothers of Nagpur on the 6th March 1945. Maharaja Dewas Senior's Maharani has left Dewas to receive Maharaja returning from active service on 20th at Bombay. Maharaja Scindia would attend the two marriages.

The Poona Journalists' Association, at its meeting on Wednesday, unanimously suggested the name of Mr. D. V. Gokhale Asst. Editor of "Kesari" for the presidentship of the coming Marathi Journalists' Conference to be held at Sholapur towards the end March. Mr. D. V. Gokhale presided.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Explaining why restraint orders were served on them on the eve of the Assembly session, the Premier of United Provinces said that the Congress Committees were unlawful associations and the members enjoyed the privilege of speech inside the Assembly. That was the reason giving Government who had sent the matter to the discretion of the District Magistrates.

—Karachi Report.

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The Sind League crisis has been solved. The Provincial Working Committee has declared confidence in Mr. Syed, the League Assembly Party has declared confidence in Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah and Mr. Syed and Sir Ghulam have agreed to have no confidence in each other.

Our congratulations. There couldn't have been a more satisfactory, statesmanlike and typical solution.

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Mr. Churchill has stated in the House of Commons that "the Atlantic Charter is a guide and not a rule."

The statement was necessary, too. As a British publicist had pointed out, the Charter had been officially resurrected recently. Mr. Churchill simply had to re-bury it equally officially.

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Eh? The difference? A "rule" too is intended to be broken, sure. But it involved a tediously complicated process of explaining.

But a guide is a pilot whom people with—er—a mission drop simply and without any explanation.

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Take the Atlantic Charter itself. Were it originally a guide the whole thing i.e., the problem of consigning it to where it didn't belong would have been simple from the very beginning.

But being a Charter and, therefore, a solemn instrument of instructions it has taken a whole series of interpretations, elucidations, footnotes, denials and affirmations of its very existence, burials, resurrections and again burials to establish it as a guide instead of a rule.

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Apropos of Yalta, Alexandria and Cairo talks, Diplomatic circles in London learn that "complicated Middle East problems" like those of Palestine, Syria and Lebanon and of Persian and Arabian oil have been left for discussions by a Big Four (U.S., U.K., U.S.S.R. and France) conference.

Now we know the past, the present and the future, too.

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It is also believed that interested parties like Ibn Saud and others will be invited to participate at the later stages of the conference.

So very considerate and helpful of the Big Four. The interested parties, sorry, the "other interested parties" i.e., the Mid East countries will be spared the tedious bother of discussing and deciding the future of their own property and interests beyond signing on the dotted line.

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Reuters quote a Moscow Radio report about a great new Soviet heavy engineering base established in central Siberia "within 1,700 miles of the Sea of Japan at Port Arthur."

Good. But why Port Arthur particularly?

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The wise man always is known by the company he keeps out of.

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Nightshirts should last longer than dress shirts because they never are worn out.

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Silence may be golden, but plenty of silver will shut a man's mouth just as effectively.

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The political machine can be started only by dropping dollars in the slot.

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The average young man finds it easier to get a wife than to get the furniture.

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When instinct governs some men's actions instinct is only another name for a wife.

Protest Against Assam Line System

CALCUTTA, Feb. 21.—The Working Committee of the Provincial Muslim League at its meeting yesterday strongly protested against the continuance and extension of the pernicious and discriminatory action of the Assam Government in maintaining the so-called 'Line System' primarily against the people of this province who have migrated and who are still migrating to unoccupied and uninhabited jungles and wastelands of Assam. The Working Committee requests the Governments of Bengal, Assam and the Government of India to abolish the system immediately and also regrets the shooting in Koimari Reserve and demands a public inquiry. Among those who attended the Working Committee meeting were, Sir Nazimuddin, Sir Suhrawardy, Messrs. Ebrahimbudi and Mozumuddin Hussain.—Orient Press.

LIBERAL FEDERATION SILVER JUBILEE

LAHORE, Feb. 21.—The Silver Jubilee session of the Indian National Liberal Federation will be held in Lahore on March 17 and 18 under the Presidentship of Mr. T. P. Venkatrama Sastri ex-Advocate General of Madras. The opening meeting of the session will be held at the Guru Dutt Bhawan on March 17 at 2-30 p.m. and the open session of the Federation will commence at 10-30 a.m. on March 18 at the same place and will continue in the afternoon to 6-30 p.m.—A.P.

MADRAS BAN ON TELUGU BOOKLET

MADRAS, Feb. 22.—A booklet entitled "Paris Commune" by Lenin and translated into Telegu by one Mahideera Jagannadham has been proscribed by the Madras Government on the ground it contains prejudicial reports.—United Press.

CRUDE OIL FOR AHMEDABAD MILLS

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 22.

It is reliably understood that the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association has requested the Textile Commissioner by a telegram to-day to permit use of crude oil to run mills as "the is unable to make arrangements for requisite supply of coal and no improvement is likely in the coal shortage position."—United Press.

Bombay 'Milk Bath' Echo In Commons

Amery's Counter-Offensive Against Mrs. Pandit

LONDON, February 22.

Mr. Amery today described as "obviously fantastic" the statement by Mrs. Vijaylakshmi Pandit in the United States that India was a vast concentration camp and without religious differences.

Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Conservative) had asked in the House of Commons: Has Mr. Amery considered the statement made at a meeting in Washington by Mrs. Vijaylakshmi Pandit, a Delegate to the Pacific Relations Conference, that India is a vast concentration camp and a country without religious differences, and does he propose to take steps to counteract the powerful effect that such statements may have on public opinion among our allies.

Mr. Amery replied: Yes, Sir, I have seen the statement referred to. I have no doubt that both the Indian Agency-General and the British Information Services in Washington will take whatever steps they judge necessary to deal with the matter, unless indeed they feel that the American public have already assessed such obviously fantastic assertions at their true value.

Maj. Gen. Knox. Do our information services take any steps to make the public wiser on the subject?

Mr. Amery: Yes, I think our Information Services in Washington are doing very good work.

Earl Winterton (Conservative): Are steps being taken by the Information Department to publish leaflets and statements by Mr. Roy and others on the actions of the Congress Party, which, they say, is run by the most reactionary employers and big financiers in India?

Mr. Amery: I will make enquiries.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour): Is Mr. Roy, to whom Earl Winterton refers, the one who received a twelve thousand pounds subsidy from the Indian Government?

Mr. Amery: I have already dealt with that point.

'Milk Bath' In Bombay

Mr. John Hynd (Labour) then asked Mr. Amery what steps were being taken against those responsible for the action of the wholesale milk dealers in Bombay to pour large quantities of fresh milk into the streets. He asked if Mr. Amery would now remove the distribution of milk and other essential foods from such private interests with a view to its public control and distribution.

Mr. Amery: I have no information about this regrettable incident beyond the press reports. The matter is obviously one for the Government of Bombay who, I am confident, will take whatever action is called for.

Mr. Hynd: Are any inquiries being made in the authencity of the report, and in view of the repercussions that this kind of things must have on the war effort, does India Office intend to take any action?

Mr. Amery: I must leave matters of this sort to the Government of Bombay. It is impossible for the Secretary of State at this end of the world to deal with a matter of this sort. The Government of Bombay has been doing everything it can both to control milk supply and to see that it reaches those who need it most.

Mr. Shinwell (Labour): Does he not at the same time recognise that an incident of this kind, if accurately reported, does have violent reactions on our association with India?

Mr. Amery: I am not depreciating the importance of the incident in any way.

Mr. Amery was then asked by Mr. Sorensen (Labour) what progress had been made in the campaign to increase the production of foodstuffs in India.

Mr. Amery replied: The food situation in India and the progress of the "grow more food" campaign have been reviewed at the All-India Food Conference recently held in New Delhi, and I am placing in the Library of the House reports of the speeches by Sir J. P. Srivastava.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour): Can he say exactly what percentage of increase in the production of foodstuffs has been achieved in the last few years?

Mr. Amery: I could not give an answer without a notice.

Yalta Debate On Govt. Motion

Commons To Be Asked To Approve "Big Three" Policy

LONDON, Feb. 22: Mr. Anthony Eden announced in the House of Commons to-day that the next week's debate on the Crimea Conference would take place on the following Government motion. "This House approves the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the three great powers at the Crimea Conference and in particular welcomes their determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving the final defeat of the common enemy but thereafter in peace as in war".

Mr. Eden added in reply to a question that Mr. Churchill would make a statement on his visit to Egypt. When several members suggested that a third day should be allowed for the debate which would be the biggest since the war began Mr. Eden said that he was prepared to consider giving extra time and would make a statement to-morrow.—Reuter.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) declared: "While Government is obviously entitled to ask for a vote of confidence in this matter, will they take into consideration that one part of the declaration of the conference refers to certain private decisions arrived at necessarily, and does the language of the resolution commit us to support matters which are hidden from our gaze?

Mr. Eden replied: "Certainly it does not. The terms are carefully drawn to make a statement which does not commit persons to anything but what is in the public declaration. It is all right."—Reuter.

Britain's Post-War Air Defences

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Mr. Churchill intimated to the House of Commons today in reply to a question that when peace terms were imposed on Germany, he would bear in mind the German use of V-weapons.

When Mr. Sorensen (Labour) asked if the whole question of limitation of aerial warfare should be considered after the defeat of Germany, Mr. Churchill replied: "I certainly don't think the victorious Allies should deprive themselves of defences which are possible through air."—Reuter.

Inter-American Conference Opens

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22: The Inter-American Conference formally opened here yesterday evening with an inaugural speech by the Mexican President Manuel Avila Camacho. Earlier at the preliminary session of the delegates the Mexican Foreign Minister Padilla was elected President of the Conference.

The question of the relations of the American nations with Argentina is expected to loom large in the discussions at the Conference.—Reuter.

Indian Scientists Urge National Govt. At Centre

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21.

Five members of the Indian Scientific Mission, who returned to India on Monday, after five months' stay in the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Canada, in a statement say that in the course of their lectures and conversations in the U.K. they advocated the view that for developing India her natural resources must be used to the fullest extent, and for this purpose there should be a National Government at the Centre, as well as in the provinces.—A.P.

RUMANIAN GOVT. POLICY ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, Says "PRAVDA"

MOSCOW, Feb. 22: The Moscow Radio to-day broadcast a long PRAVDA article making the first open and direct attack in the Soviet Press against the Rumanian Government of General Radescu. It said efforts by the masses to democratize the country for good, "to liquidate all vestiges of the Antonescu regime and to carry out necessary reforms come up against the undecided and often directly anti-democratic policy of the Government. Refusing to speak the common language with the country's democratic masses, this Government is impotent, clings to power and collaborates with Fascists. Soviet public opinion cannot watch disinterestedly this struggle between the democratic elements and Fascists in Rumania".—Reuter.

SOVIETS LIBERATE BR. PRISONERS OF WAR

LONDON Feb. 22: It is officially announced that information has been received from the Soviet Government that 2,661 British and Commonwealth prisoners of war have been recovered from German camps.

The prisoners are now on their way to Odessa, where a transit camp is under construction and where they will stay until ships arrive to bring them home. No list of names has been received.

The facts were announced in Parliament to-day by Mr. Henderson, Financial Secretary to the War Office.—Reuter.

Life Pension For Chernyakhovsky's Widow

MOSCOW, Feb. 20: The Soviet Government has awarded a life pension of 2,000 roubles a month (about £40) to the widow of the late Marshal Chernyakhovsky and the equivalent of £20 a month each to his son and daughter until they have completed their education.

A lump sum of £2,500 is also given to the family.

The widow of a British general receives £540 a year—nearly ten guineas a week—with £36 a year for each child.—Globe.

Russian Generals To Receive Order Of Lenin

MOSCOW, Feb. 22: Moscow radio says almost all Soviet Marshals including those at the head of the present offensive are to receive the order of Lenin, one of the highest awards in the Soviet Union, to celebrate the Red Army's 27th birthday on Thursday.—Reuter.

Hedy Lamarr Expects A "Victory" Baby

LONDON, Feb. 22: Glamorous filmstar Hedy Lamarr plans to call her baby, which is expected in May, Victoria to commemorate the Allied victory which she anticipates will be an accompanied fact by then.

If it is a boy, the name will be John, but Hedy hopes for a girl.

Hedy, who is married to John Loder, is described as having one quality not often found in Hollywood—willingness to face the fact that she cannot go on for ever.

"I am looking forward to another seven years on the screen", she says She is now 29.—Globe.

AESTHETICS AND ART

M. Olivier Lacombe's Address

An interesting lecture on Art and Life was delivered by Mons. Olivier Lacombe, a French savant, under the auspices of the Alliance Francaise, at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay, on Thursday evening. Mons. Pierre Berthedot, Consul for France in Bombay, presided. The lecturer who has been recently appointed Cultural Attache for India is also the author of "Absolute according to Vedanta" (Sankara and Ramanuja) and the Moral and Metaphysic Doctrine of Ramanuja.

Earlier Mr. G. Quirebet gave a resume of the activities of the Alliance Francaise, specially the work done by its Bombay branch.

The lecturer observed:

If we consider the history of letters and the arts, the experience of artists and writers, and even the general trend of thought, we shall find ourselves faced with two different points of view concerning the relations between art and life.

There are times when it is believed that any attempt to "utilize" art is an act of treachery on the part of the artist, since its only "raison d'etre" is to rejoice the hearts of men through a perception of beauty; at others the artist is expected to weave his work into the tissue of life, and these are the moments when he is looked upon as a traitor to his vocation if he tries to escape from the rest of humanity, or to shirk the duties and obligations of his fellowmen.

Let us not worry too much about the artist. If he is an authentic artist, if he is sufficiently gifted and if he is a generous man (but these conditions are indispensable) he will find a practical solution of the problem, like the writers and artists who, only a few months ago, were playing such an outstanding role in the resistance movement in France.

But the theoretical difficulty remains. To remove it, one has only to define the word "life" in all its fullness, including in the definition the sphere of metaphysics, to prove that art is one of the superior aspects of life, so understood.

As a man, the artist cannot remain indifferent to any important moral or social questions or to any of the great human obligations. As an artist he finds the richest material for his work when he is completely a man, for the specific experience from which his work is born, draws its inspiration from the sum total of his experience.

This is particularly true of the writer who, in order to express himself, must have recourse to words with all their human, collective and individual experience.

We should not forget, however, that far from regulating art or being its creative energy, a language is nothing but a means of artistic expression. In a true work of art, it is necessary that the form, the energy and the finality should remain supreme in their sphere.

There is, therefore, no question of subordinating art to ethics or the social good, for such a subordination would destroy it. But it is none the less true that by reason of the social and moral value of the artist considered as a man, and the human significance of the means he chooses to express himself, he may, and sometimes must, strive to achieve other than purely aesthetic ends."

Deported Indians From Madagascar

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22.—Sir Mohammed Usman informed Raja Yuvaraj Dutta Singh in the Council of State that His Majesty's Consul-General had been requested to furnish the full report on each case of the nine Indians deported from Madagascar in 1944 on the alleged offences of vagrancy, drunkenness, etc., and it had been suggested that the French authorities would be moved to permit these persons to return to Madagascar on the ground that they left their families there. The Consul General's reply was awaited.—United Press.

INDIAN JOURNALISTS IN CAIRO

CAIRO, Feb. 22.—The Party of Journalists from India visiting Cairo this morning saw Gen. Burch, Indian Army Liaison officer, Egypt, after talking to him on various problems concerning the Indian troops in the Middle East the party will spend the rest of the day in sight seeing on a visit to the Pyramids, which has been arranged by the Indian Public Relations Office. In the evening a party in their honour is being given by Sir Bernard Paget, Commander-in-Chief.

The party consists of Messrs. F. W. Bustin, J. N. Sarkar, Pothan Joseph, A. N. Sivaram, V. K. T. Narsimhan, Durgadas, Nand Kishore, S. H. Mahmud, H. R. Stimson and J. P. Deshmukh.—Reuter.

FIFTH ARMY IMPROVES ITS POSITIONS

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN, HQ., Feb. 22: To-day's Allied 'communique from Italy reported the Fifth Army has improved its positions around Monte Belvedere against stiffening resistance.

NAZIS DRIVEN BACK

From Reuter's special correspondent:—Fifth Army troops, making a new advance towards Bologna, have driven the Germans back 1,000 yards to reach the slopes of Mone Castello, a 3,000-foot pinnacle covering an approach to the Po Valley. The Fifth Army attack, now in its third day, was evidently aimed at throwing the Germans off the ridges they held above the Upper Reno Valley. To-day's communique reported that Americans were meeting stiffening resistance.

Operating for the ninth successive day strong forces of escorted heavy bombers of the Fifteenth United States Strategic Air Force bombed marshalling yards in the Vienna area. The fighter escort also attacked railyards north-west of Vienna. Heavy and medium bombers of the R.A.F. last night bombed harbour stations at Pola in Northern Italy. Aircraft of the Coastal Air Force attacked shipping in the Northern Adriatic and the Gulf of Genoa where hits were scored on a coaster and tanker. Twenty-five of our aircraft are missing."—Reuter.

Mr. Jaisukhlal Mehta, Secretary, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, replying to felicitations on the occasion of presentation of purse to him on Wednesday.

GURKHA GETS V. C.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Victoria Cross has been posthumously awarded to Rifleman Thaman Garung of the Fifth Royal Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Forces) Indian Army, for gallantry in Italy.

He is the nineteenth man of the Indian Army to be awarded the highest award for gallantry.

BHANSALI ON GANDHIAN CONCEPTS

Explains Benefits Of Fasting At Bezwada Meeting

BEZWADA, Feb. 21.

A public meeting was held last night under the auspices of the Town Congress Samithi and the Town Student Congress when Messrs. K. Chandramouli, President Andhra Congress Assembly, M. Bapineedu and T. Viswanadham, ex-Parliamentary secretaries, and others spoke explaining the various items of the Constructive Programme.

Prof. Bhansali, who also attended the meeting, answered several questions put from the audience regarding the connection between spinning and independence, the difference between Marxism and Gandhism, the management of heavy industries by the state in a Free India, the necessity of maintaining our rural civilisation and the benefits of fasting and prayer.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao, who presided on the occasion introducing Prof. Bhansali to the audience narrated the chief events of his life including the historic Chimur fast.—A. P

Five Officials On Trial

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

Charges under section 120-B/111 I.P.C. (Criminal Conspiracy to commit offence agreeing to accept illegal gratification from merchants or their agents or partners for despatch of foodgrain from Dhilwan Railway Station on the N.W. Railway for supplying wagons) were framed today by the Special Tribunal against five accused, namely, Mr. O. S. Clarke, former Chief Controller, Mr. Chaudry Firpal Singh, Divisional Transportation Officer, his peon Kanhaja and Messrs. Sohan Lal and Ghulam Haider, Station Master and Goods Clerk respectively of the Dhilwan Railway Station. Two Assistant Station Masters were discharged.—United Press.

A.-I. KISAN SABHA STRENGTH

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.—The All-India Kisan Sabha claims a membership of 8,25,606; the Province of Bengal leads with 2,55,104, Andhra 1,68,384, Punjab 1,36,800, Bihar 80,000, U.P. 34,368 and N.W.F.P. 2,000.—Orient Press.

LAHORE EDITOR'S FATHER DEAD

LAHORE, Feb. 22.—Death took place last night of Lala Ganesh Das, father of Lala Khushal Chand, Proprietor of the "Daily Milap", at latter's Lahore residence at the age of 88 years. The funeral was largely attended. Mr. Yash, son of Lala Khushal Chand, who was detained as a security prisoner since August, 1942, was released on parole from Sialkot Jail to attend his grand father's last rites.—United Press.

SUPA GURUKUL CELEBRATIONS.

(From A Correspondent.)

NAVSARI, Feb. 22.

Arrangements have been completed for the 21st annual celebrations of Supa Gurukul.

These celebrations are arranged for 23rd, 24th and 25th inst. on the banks of the 'Purna' where the Gurukul is situated.

An educational conference has been arranged on Sunday and Mr. B. G. Kher will preside.

RAJASTHAN KSHATRIYA MAHA-SABHA.

The Rajasthan Kshatriya Mahasabha will hold its annual session at Alwar by the end of March 1945. H. H. the Maharaja Sahib Bahadur of Panna will preside. According to its Pushkar resolution now the limits of Rajasthan extend to Central India, Gwalior, Gujrat, Kathiawar, Baroda and Western India Agency.

Along with the Session of the Mahasabha the followiny functions will also be held: (1) Rajasthani Sahitya Sammelan, (2) Kavi Sammelan, and (3) Gram Udyog Sammelan.

NEW MADRAS JUDGE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22.—A press communique says: His Majesty the King has appointed Mr. Pakala Venkata Rajamannar to be a Judge of the High Court in Madras upon the retirement of the Hon. Sir Vere Mockett.—A.P.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 22.

The New York Cotton Exchange will remain closed to-day.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET.

MADRAS, Feb. 22.

Following are to-day's quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 39, Do. 92, India Sugar 33/10, South India 16/8.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 17/8, Chembra Peaks 10/6, Pringiords 16/14, High Produce 33/4, Kalpettas 35/12, Ouchterlony 10/15, Thirumbadi 4/12/6, Valkundam 21/4, Vellamalai 30/4, Vellitam 30.

TEXTILES: B. and C. Ordy. 318, Cambodia 30/8, Janardhana 130, Kaleeswarar 730, Mettur 255, Vasantha 301/8.

MISCELLANECUS: And Cement 119 Hind Trust 25, Ind. St Roll 9/4, Mysore Chem. and Fert 26/12, Mettur Chem. 16/10, Do Defd 6/8, Singareni 21/10 Spencer 14.—A. P.

MARINES TAKE HALF OF IWOJIMA

LONDON, Feb. 22: An American broadcaster from Guam said today: "The Marines have apparently now taken nearly half of Iwojima from shore to shore. They are heading into the Plateau on the northern end of Surabachi and meeting bitter opposition".

When the broadcaster asked Admiral Nimitz whether the marines were doing as well as he expected the Admiral with his face stern replied: "We had expected it would be a hard fight. The marines are doing exactly as well as we expected they would".

COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED

GUAM, Feb. 22.—Admiral Nimitz's 'communique' today said that several heavy Japanese counter-attacks were driven back last night on the slopes of Central Iwojima.

American offensives were resumed towards the central fighter airfield and towards Suribachi. The newly-landed Third Marine Division supported the attacks. "There was little change in our frontline." Many Japanese gun positions were knocked out. The Marines launched an assault on the north face of Suribachi with tanks and flame throwers. Japanese planes inflicted some damage on American fleets standing off shore. Seven were shot down. American casualties up to yesterday evening are estimated at 385 killed and 4,168 wounded.—Reuter.

U S. MARINES CAPTURE MOTO-YAMA AERODROME

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21: According to dispatches broadcast from Guam, the United States Fourth Marine Corps after bitter close-quarter fighting has captured the Motoyama aerodrome on Iwojima.

The Japanese on Manila have been compressed into an oval area, approximately 700 yards by 500 yards, inside the walled city of Intramuros it was stated in a message from General MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila.

PROOF OF JAP ATROCITIES

Affidavits by eye-witnesses and authenticated photographs showing men, women and children with hands tied behind their backs and bayonet wounds all over their bodies form the proof of Japanese atrocities in Manila.

This is disclosed in the "Free Philippines" paper published by the United States Office of War Information.

What American Bombing Of Japan Achieved

ADMIRAL MITSCHER'S FLAG-SHIP NEAR TOKYO, Feb. 17: (Delayed): Steaming almost into Tokyo Bay this all-American Task Force, the mightiest ever assembled, hurled tons of explosives into the enemy in a two-day carrier-plane strike and to-night is audaciously patrolling the Japanese coast challenging the enemy air force which, however, has declined to fight. Not a single Japanese plane reached within striking distance of the fleet.

The centre of the target was the Nakajima Musashino and the Nakajima Tama plane factories, and pilots reported both blazing and severely damaged. At least two other important aircraft plants have been damaged or destroyed.

U. S. WILL SELL SURPLUS ON SPOT AFTER WAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 22: Surplus supplies of all kinds of planes, trucks, cars, building and construction equipment, food and clothing belonging to the United States Army and Navy in foreign areas will be sold "on the spot" as soon as the war is over, an authoritative Wall Street journal reports from Washington. It states that these surpluses will be scattered all over the world—Britain, North-West Europe, North Africa, India, the Pacific and Latin America.

STRENGTH OF JAP FLEET IN PACIFIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 21: From Don Iddon, "Daily Mail" correspondent:— Though definite figures are not available, it is possible to piece together just what naval forces the enemy in the Pacific has at his command My estimate is: Not more than 10 battleships, including some undergoing extensive repairs which may be able to rejoin the fleet shortly; approximately 30 cruisers and 50 destroyers. Aircraft-carriers are a pure guess but naval observers here would be surprised if Japan has more than half a dozen large (up to 30,000 tons) and perhaps 25 pocket carriers, excluding converted merchantmen whose number is not known but they are of little use in battle.

Tokyo Fears Allied Landing On China Coast

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Tokyo Radio said today that landing on the China coast is the next step in the United States strategy. The radio said: "If the American boasts that they will strike at Japan proper are to be implemented at all, this can only be done from Chinese bases. The abandonment of China, therefore, can only be temporary. From any other base, supply lines would be too long."—Reuter.

PILGRIMS TO PAITHAN

Pilgrims from British India intending to visit the Jatra to be held at Paithan, in Hyderabad State, from March 5 to March 7 are warned that they are likely to be refused admission to the pilgrim centre. Owing to the prevalence of plague infection, the State authorities have restricted admission to local pilgrims.

Kasturba's Sterling Services To India Recalled

Her Place On Nation's Scroll Of Honour Is Eternal, Says Mayor

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A Sneh-Sammelan of Congressmen was held this evening at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall to observe the first death anniversary of Shri Kasturba Gandhi.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay, who presided said that on this day the loss of the Nation in the death of "Ba" was remembered by everybody in the country without exception. "Ba" had died in the Nation's Service and hence her place in the country's scroll of honour was eternal.

He asked the gathering to make a resolution on such a solemn occasion that they would strive their utmost to bring about unity, to follow the path of truth and non-violence and to stick to the constructive programme of the Congress.

The speaker said it was everybody's duty to struggle for the release of the political leaders, those, who were outside the jail, could never bypass them or take any decision over their heads or co-operate with the Government.

Mrs. Violet Alva said that though Shri. Kasturbai was physically no more, her memory would live for ever. She had the same place in India's history, as two other great women—Mrs. Kamala Nehru and Begum Azad—both of whom had sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country.

Mrs. Khandwala also associated herself with the sentiments expressed by other speakers.

Two temples, the Shri Shankar Temple and Shri Vithal Rukmini Temple were thrown open to-day to Harijans, by the owners and the trustees. Messrs. Nagindas T. Master and S. K. Patil, led a party of Harijans to the temples in the evening.

Purdy Remanded To Custody

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Dr. Murray Gow Furdy, the escaped under-trial who was re-arrested at Malad last evening was produced before Mr. Oscar Brown Chief Presidency Magistrate Esplanade Police Court, to-day.

In a care-free attitude Dr Purdy who appeared in the Court wearing a white shirt, coloured "lungi" and a fez cap defended himself and opposed the police application for remand in custody. He stated that they had no grounds for such request.

The Court informed him that the police only wanted to investigate into the circumstances under which he escaped.

Purdy thereupon inquired as to the other case against him. The Court informed him that it would be taken up later. In fact the police had been anxiously waiting for him. (Laughter.)

Purdy then made a request that his own clothes should be given back to him.

Answering the Magistrate S. I. Miranda who made the remand application said that Purdy was taken for lunch straight from the Court when he escaped.

The police application was granted and Purdy was remanded to custody till March 8.

DR. PURDY REARREST SEQUEL

Police Bag Two More Wanted Men

The escape of Dr. Murray Gow Purdy alias Pardisingh and his dramatic rearrest have proved a triple blessing to the police, for in their hurry for the absconder they not only succeeded in getting him but also found two more members alleged to be of the Trotskyist Party. One of them is said to be the chief of the organisation in India, the 25-year-old Mahendra Narayansingh Sitalprasad. A revolver and several cartridges were also recovered from the arrested persons.

Dr. Purdy is now kept in the police lock-up which is watched by a reinforced armed guard.

Dr. Purdy and Ambikasingh were arrested together. After securing the two the raiding police party discovered that there was yet another inmate of the dwelling who had gone in search of a taxi probably to clear out of Malad.

An officer and two constables concealed themselves in the hut and lay in wait for the missing link to come, after they had secured and carried away Dr. Purdy and Ambikasingh. Later in the evening Mahendra who was unaware of the arrest of his comrades walked in and the waiting police took him into custody.

BRITAIN AND BURMA

"Times" Wants Clear Policy

LONDON, Feb. 22.—In an editorial urging more energy and imagination in dealing with the enemy in Burma, "The Times" says that further course of Anglo-Burmese relations is likely to be influenced profoundly for good or ill by British action at the present moment. "But so far there has been no clear statement of British intentions," it adds.

"The old pledges that Burma is to be helped to Dominion Status as soon as possible and that the country's constitutional progress will not suffer from its independence of India need to be expressed without delay in a concrete scheme of action."

Failing this, the paper opines, Burmese opinion will be hesitant. Unless the problems arising from the reoccupation of the country are faced more energetically and with greater imagination, the impression created on the public mind both in Burma and in Britain will be extremely unfortunate."—Reuter.

Supply Of Milk For Children

Persons who have registered the milk ration cards for children, etc. upto February 21 will start getting the supply of milk from February 26.

In future card holders are requested to ask the managers of the centres concerned when they go to register the cards, about the date when they will start getting milk.

Persons who register their cards from Thursday to Monday will be given preference in the sale of surplus milk if any is left over at the centre concerned. The issue of surplus milk against counter-foils of applications has been stopped.

A new morning centre has been opened at B. P. T. School, Wadala from to-day (February 23). Cards will be registered there from to-day and the supply of milk will begin from Monday (February 26). A new morning centre is also being opened at Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Dongersey Road, Banganga, from Monday (February 26).

The existing morning centres have registered all the cards that they can and persons obtaining new milk ration cards are requested to go to the evening centres for registration of their cards.

NEW ORDER ON DECLARATION OF STOCKS OF FOODGRAINS

The Government of Bombay has amended the existing order calling for the declaration of stocks of foodgrains every month. The amendment directs that any stocks of rice and paddy in the Bombay Suburban District held by any person against cancellation under clauses 6 and 17 of the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation, 1943, of the appropriate squares representing rice on a ration card, need not be declared. The amending order has been published in the Bombay Government "Gazette" Extraordinary of February 23, 1945, says a press note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay.

Standard Of Driving In Bombay

W.I.A.A.'S IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A number of copies of a revised edition of what is called the "Common Traffic Offence Card" in English, Marathi and Gujarati is still available for free distribution at the W.I.A.A.'s headquarters. Offences most often committed by drivers are listed in this card, a supply of which is sent to motorists with a request to explain the contents to the drivers.

This system was first introduced in 1935. Thousands of cards have been distributed among the public and there is sufficient evidence to believe that this method of approach to the traffic problem makes drivers who are warned to be more careful. Motorists welcome these cards as they give them opportunity to keep a check on their drivers and see that the offences brought to their notice are not repeated.

A motorist who notices a motoring offence on the road ticks the corresponding offence on the card, writes down the number of the offending car at the space provided and sends the card to the WIAA's office who then forward it to the owner concerned with a request to warn the driver not to repeat the offence. Most motorists are grateful for this warning since it prevents drivers from getting into trouble with the authorities.

14th Army Captures Village North Of Mandalay

ADV. HQ., ALFSEA, Feb. 22: Today's SEAC 'communique' says:

FOURTEENTH ARMY: In the bridgehead area north of Mandalay the village of Zigon, north-east of Singu, was captured against opposition following an air-strike and an artillery bombardment.

South of the Irrawady, opposite Myinmu, no further major attacks have been launched by the Japanese on our bridgehead positions.

Elsewhere there was vigorous patrol activity.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: Enemy artillery activity against our bridgehead at Ru-Ywa has increased. Further north in the Kangaw area pursuit of the retreating Japanese continues.

ALL-INDIA NON-FERROUS METAL DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of dealers in Non-ferrous metals was convened at the office of Messrs. Kamani Brothers Ltd., at 6 P.M. on the 21st February, 1945 under the presidentship of Raj Ratna Ramjibhai H. Kamani, Chairman of the Kamani Group of Industries, for forming an All-India Non-ferrous Metal Dealers' Association with a view to enabling all the Non-ferrous metal dealers to get the metals easily and also enabling the consumers to get the necessary metalware at a reasonable price and also with a view to develop the Non-ferrous metal trade on a sound basis.

The All-India Non-ferrous Metal Dealers' Association was formed and Raj Ratna Ramjibhai Hansraj Kamani of the Kamani Group of Industries, Mr. Amichand Sheth of Messrs. Davison Metal Industries, Mr. Rathlal Zatakia of Messrs W. Leslie & Co., Sheth Ismail of Messrs. T. Ismail & Co., Sheth Kodarlal of Messrs. Kodarlal Chandulal and Sheth Manekchand Ramanlal were elected respectively as President, Vice-presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Association.

After light refreshment, the meeting had terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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M/s. Godfrey Philips Ltd., London's: (a) Sweet Cut	167 6	42 0	15 8	3 14
(b) Grand Cut	167 6	42 0	15 8	3 14
M/s. Fryer & Sons (Overseas), London's Special Smoking Mixture	173 0	43 0	16 0	4 0

	Wholesale price per lb.	Retail price per tin of
Barney's Ideal	14 4 0	1 14 0 2 ozs.
Craven Mixture	13 4 9	1 12 0 2 ozs.
Gold Block	14 4 0	3 12 0 4 ozs.
Old English Curve Cut	13 4 9	3 8 0 4 ozs.
Player's Navy Cut Medium	14 4 0	3 12 0 4 ozs.
Player's No Name	16 2 6	4 4 0 4 ozs.
Three Nuns	15 3 3	4 0 0 4 ozs.

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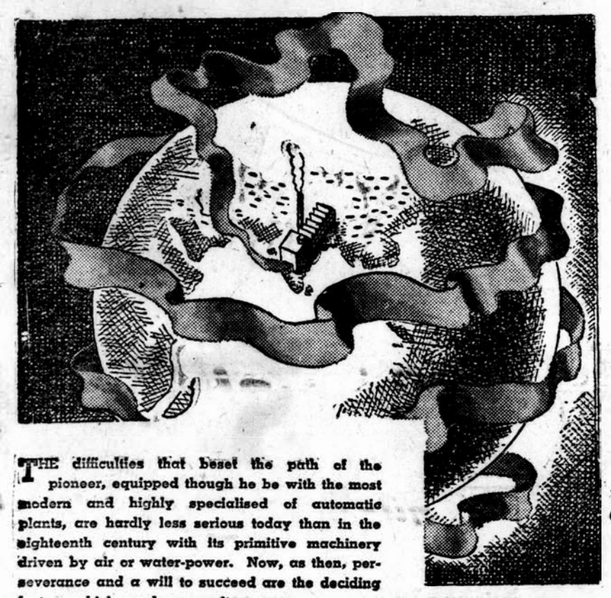

THE difficulties that beset the path of the pioneer, equipped though he be with the most modern and highly specialised of automatic plants, are hardly less serious today than in the eighteenth century with its primitive machinery driven by air or water-power. Now, as then, perseverance and a will to succeed are the deciding factors which produce results.

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Jinnah Feels Political Situation In Sind Is Getting Worse

Action Committee Members Still Hope For Settlement After Fresh Syed-Premier Talks

KARACHI, Feb. 22: Speaking at a meeting of the Muslim League Party in the Sind Assembly to-day Nawab Mohamed Ismail said that the political situation in Sind was getting worse. Mr Jinnah also felt so. The dispute between the Premier and the President of the Provincial Muslim League was deplorable. He, Choudhary Khaliquzzaman and Kazi Mohamed Issa had tried their best to effect a compromise, but failed.

Continuing, he said there were complaints that the Ministry had done nothing to improve the lot of the Muslims. The best way was to appoint a committee which would co-ordinate with the Ministry. The Premier was undoubtedly entitled to nominate his own Cabinet, but it would be better if he consulted the party members privately.

Choudhary Khaliq-uz-Zaman said that events in Sind were bound to react on Muslim politics all over India. They should not take any false step. The present Ministry had secured a vote of confidence at a Party meeting, but that was not enough. The differences within the Party must be removed.

He fervently appealed for unity.

Understanding May Follow Unity Talks

The hope that soon a workable understanding will be arrived at between Sir Ghulam Hussain and Mr. G. M. Syed and the differences between them regarding the Ministry adjusted is expressed in a statement issued to-day by Nawab Mohammed Ismail, Chaudhry Khaliquz-Zaman and Qazi Isa, members of the Muslim League Action Committee.

They state:—"We have been trying to impress upon the Muslim League leaders as well as the rank and file whom we have also met to pay heed to the call of their Qaid-e-Azam to maintain unity among themselves at this critical juncture. We have also met the Working Committee. They have accepted our suggestions and we believe that if they are acted upon the matters in dispute will naturally disappear and cause no further trouble. We were also present yesterday at the meeting of the Muslim League Assembly Party. We took part in the discussions and we are happy to say that there was a desire in it for a settlement of the dispute that exists with regard to the Ministry.

"The Party was unanimously of the view that Sir Ghulam Hussain and Mr G. M. Syed should have a heart to heart talk with each other and try to reach a settlement. As a result of this, Sir Ghulam Hussain and Mr. G. M. Syed met together and carried on conversations which are still continuing.

"At this stage we would not like to say anything which may in any way create difficulties in their way. But we may point out that yesterday a vote of confidence was passed by a large majority of members present at the meeting of the Party. This makes the position simpler. This fact taken together with the desire of the Muslim League Party for a settlement and adjustment of differences leads us to hope that some workable understanding may be arrived at soon.

Restraint Order On Sind M.L.A.'s: Motion Admitted

In the Sind Legislative Assembly to-day, the adjournment motion of Sheikh Abdul Majid seeking to raise a debate on the restraint order served on Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, leader of the Congress Assembly Party, was admitted by the Speaker. The mover said that the order was a breach of the privileges of the members of the House and the matter was a very important one.

Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Premier, opposing the motion said, Mr. Sidhwa was a member of an unlawful body. If he delivered any prejudicial speeches outside the Assembly he could be arrested but on the floor of the House he could say anything he liked.

The action taken against Mr Sidhwa was in the public interests. If, however, Mr. Sidhwa desired to attend the Assembly he would do so after obtaining the permission from the District Magistrate. Those rising to support the admission of the motion included Mr. M. H. Gazdar and Syed Mohamed Ali Shah, both members of the League Assembly Party.—U. P. & A. P.

URGENT NEED OF IMMEDIATE ACTION

"New York Times" Criticises Amery's Statement

NEW YORK, Feb. 22: The New York "Times" leader commenting on the Secretary of State for India Mr Amery's speech at Birmingham for abandonment of the "Most favoured Nation" clause in international trade and priority to trade from sterling areas said: "It is difficult to see how such a policy could be reconciled with Britain's reciprocal trade agreement It is no less difficult to see how the policy could be reconciled with the declared purpose of the Bretton Woods Agreements to remove barriers and to promote growth of multilateral trade. If there were a wide difference between the interpretation of these agreements by British officials and by our own the question should be clarified beyond dispute before the agreements are adopted.—Reuter.

American Journalist Plump For Chinese Communists

LONDON, Feb. 22: The "News Chronicle" special correspondent, Gunther Stein, who recently visited Communist-controlled Yenan and Chungking and who has now reached America, in a dispatch to his paper says: "A new democracy is throbbing with enthusiastic pioneer life in the Communist-controlled area in North and Central China.

"It seems to me, as to other foreign visitors to Communist-controlled areas, that it has set a pattern for peaceful progress not only for the rest of China but for Japan and probably India.

"In the villages I saw that the old oppressive rule of the landlords, corrupt tax-collectors, money-lenders and merchants has been supplanted by genuine self-government in which men and women elect the most active elements, no matter what their class or affiliation, to lead the two-fold fight for liberation.

In the family women's equality is more and more real. I saw touching examples of the willingness of old people to stay back in favour of the young in the management of the economic and social life of the family. Where families have worked small fields alone for thousands of years, voluntary methods of co-operation through Labour Exchange Brigades, which plough, weed and harvest together have brought considerably increased crop yields and the reclamation of large areas of waste land.

"The contrast in the outward appearance of villagers in the Communist and Kuomintang-controlled areas is surprisingly great. The difference in spirit is even more amazing. But the strangest contrast is in the outstanding personalities which the villages and towns of the new democracy have produced from long neglected human material."—Reuter.

"VULGAR GOSSIP"

French Minister On Press Reports About Division In French Cabinet

PARIS, Feb. 22: The French Minister of Information described Press reports that the French Cabinet was divided at its meeting to consider President Roosevelt's invitation to Gen. de Gaulle to meet him at Algiers as vulgar gossip. The French Government was inspired in its decision essentially by the fact that owing to short notice and in the absence of fuller information, the French Government was incapable of giving serious consideration to the questions raised.—Reuter.

Committee Formed For College In Karwar

KARWAR, Feb. 20.

With a view to opening a college in Karwar, a meeting of the leading citizens of Karwar was called yesterday evening by Rao Saheb G. S. Telang, Chairman of the Karwar Education Society under the presidency of Dr. V. V. Kamat Ph.D. retired Education Inspector and now Prof. of Education, Tilak Training College, Poona.

The meeting resolved that all work in connection with starting of a college be carried on under the auspices of the Karwar Education Society and a provisional committee of 12 members with Rao Saheb G. S. Telang as Chairman. A Representative Committee of leading members of the district was also formed to collect funds for the college. It was decided to start the college in 1946.—A. P.

Bengal Council Condoles Death Of Wing Commander Majumdar

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.—The Bengal Legislative Council adopted a resolution today expressing profound sorrow at the recent death in a plane crash at Lahore of Wing Commander K. K. Majumdar and conveying its heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Speakers representing different groups in the House referred to Mr. Majumdar's meteoric career in the I.A.F. and his exploits in France as a member of the R.A.F.—A.P.

"Brightest Future" For Marathi Language

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Feb. 22.—"Marathi language is the language of inspiration, it is the language in which 'Swaraj' mantram was first chanted, and hence I visualise the brightest future to the language," declared Prof. N. R. Phatak of Bombay, in an address delivered at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Deccan Vernacular Translation Society. His Highness Raja Sahib of Phaltan presided.

Prof. Phatak traced the growth of Marathi literature during the last 125 years and explained at great length how Marathi literature had attained the present stage. According to him there was great dearth of serious type of literature in Marathi language and he attributed this deficiency due to the lack of higher education being imparted through Marathi.

Notice On N. S. Phadke To Be Withdrawn

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 22.—It is reliably understood that the Kolhapur Darbar have decided to withdraw the notice served about six months ago on Prof. N. S. Phadke, the well-known Marathi novelist and Professor in the Rajaram College, terminating his services at the end of the present term of the College. The notice was a sequel to the Government ban on his novel "Shakuntala" published last year.—A.P.

Maharashtra Dramatist Expires

BELGAUM, Feb. 22.

Mr. Bhausaheb Soman alias Kirat, a famous dramatist of Maharashtra, died here yesterday after a prolonged illness.—A.P.

BONUS AND WAGE LOSS DISPUTES

Majur Mahajan Approach Mahatma

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 22.

It is reliably gathered that Ahmedabad Majur Mahajan has sought the advice of Mahatma Gandhi regarding the steps to be taken about the monetary loss of millhands on account of stoppage of mills due to the acute shortage of coal. Majur Mahajan has also referred the bonus dispute to Gandhiji.

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in India.	.. 27 lbs. "	Cultivators	.. " 2 crores.

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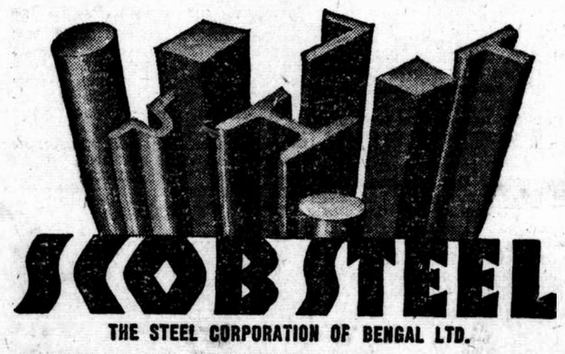

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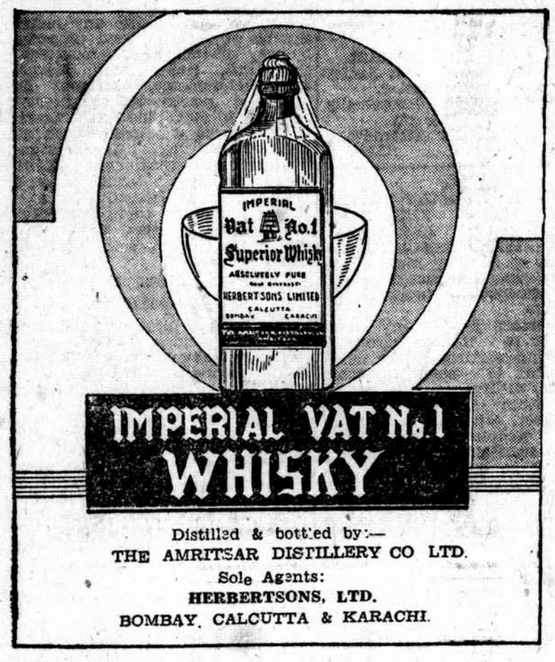

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"Save Them From Gallows"

ALLAHABAD, Feb 21.

A committee with Mr. R. N. Bas as the convener has been formed a. Allahabad to mobilise public opinion throughout the country to impress upon the Government of U. P. and the Governor-General the advisability of commuting the death sentences conferred by the Allahabad High Court on five persons of Jaunpur district on February 16 in a case arising out of the August Disturbances.—A. P.

MAURICE CHEVALIER TO APPEAR ON BROADWAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 22: It is reported that Maurice Chevalier, now cleared of suspicions that he collaborated with the Germans, may arrive here soon to star in a broadway musical comedy.—Reuter.

"Congress Must Send Spokesmen To America"

J. J. Singh Stresses Need For Counteracting Anti-Indian Propaganda

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The suggestion that a representative of the Indian Congress Party should be sent to the United States "in order to counteract anti-Indian propaganda in America" was made today by Mr. J. J. Singh, President, India League of America.

Mr. Singh told Reuter: "Recent press reports from India indicate that the exposure by prominent Indian visitors to the United States of the anti-Indian propaganda in America by the British Government and its various agencies is having its effect.

Indian public opinion is disturbed at the undesirable impression such propaganda will have on Indo-American relations.

The India League of America and the American Friends of India have always tried to counteract such propaganda, but they cannot match the tremendous and organised efforts of the British authorities.

I hope, however, immediately on the release of Congress leaders this lack will be remedied and an official representative of the Congress Party will be sent to the United States.

We do not want any communal representation as proposed by the Hindu Mahasabha what we want here is someone to represent the national point of view."—Reuter.

HUGE BASE IN SIBERIA GOES INTO PRODUCTION

LONDON, Feb. 21: The Moscow radio reported on Wednesday the first section of the great new Soviet "heavy engineering base", established in Central Siberia within 1,100 miles of the Sea of Japan at Port Arthur, has gone into production.

The big plant on the banks of the Yenisei river at Krasnoyarsk when completed will have an area of 296 acres, and its products will include armaments and ammunition.

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"BIG FOUR" TO TACKLE SYRIAN ISSUE

Complicated Middle-Eastern Problems Unsolved?

LONDON, Feb. 21.

There has been no settlement, or even a loose agreement on the Arab Federation, or about the future of Palestine, at the various Egyptian conversations. This is the definite opinion in London Diplomatic Circles to-night.

It is believed that the subject of Middle Eastern settlement was discussed at Yalta and an agreement reached there that a solution would have to be considered by representatives of the "Big Four," that is including France. What took place in Egypt was more in the nature of formal visits expressing mutual goodwill except here and there with a sprinkling of advice.

Most of the complicated Middle Eastern problems remain unsolved. The problem of Palestine and French relations with Syria and the Lebanon has been left for discussions by a "Big Four" conference.

It is considered probable that the knotty subject of Persian and Arabian oil will also have been considered by this conference when it meets.

Arrangements are also afoot, it is believed for the participation of Ibn Saud and other interested parties at the later stages of the conference, but at the moment all this is still a matter of speculation.

MADRAS, Feb. 22.—It is understood that Government of India has sanctioned establishment of an Indian Air Training Corps at Annamalai University which is expected to be inaugurated shortly.—United Press.

Poona Women Observe "Mines Day"

POONA, Feb. 21.

The Maharashtra branch of the All-India Women's Conference and other women's organisations in Poona observed today as "Mines Day."

A resolution condemning the action of the Government of India in lifting the existing ban on women to work underground in coal mines in British India, in contravention of a convention of the international labour organisation was adopted at a largely attended meeting held this evening.

Mrs. Indirabai Deodhar presided and Miss Shanta Bhalerao moved the resolution.—A. P.

MONEY MARKET.

BOMBAY, Feb. 22.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/sight 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p.c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p.c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c, 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

YARN MARKET AWAITS NEW SCHEME

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

The fortnight under review was characterized by an important meeting of the Provincial Textile Controllers from all parts of the country including States which took place during last week for the purpose of deliberating over the scheme of distribution of cloth and yarn. It is however certain some workable scheme for the distribution of both cloth and yarn should have been finalised and it is hoped as a result the situation with regard to both cloth and yarn will be easier in the next few days. In the meantime reports from almost all important consuming centres all over the country go to show that neither cloth nor yarn is available at any place to the consumers at controlled prices and that heavy shortage is found everywhere in all important consuming districts. Complaints have been constantly received from all quarters especially from the consumers that their requirements are not met even partially and that they have been suffering more and more from day to day for want of their requirements both in cloth as well as in yarn. As regards the new scheme of yarn it has now seen the light of the day but in the press note issued by the Textile Commissioner it is not at all made clear from which date the revised profit margins in case of yarn will come into operation. So far many of the dealers have been following the previous standards of margins of profits because nothing is made clear in any press notes issued in this connection. It will be in the interest of trade if the Textile Commissioner will issue a revised press note containing full clarifications of all these matters in connection with the new yarn scheme.

It has been reported from Punjab that there has been a very heavy shortage of yarn in that important Province and that the weavers find it extremely difficult even to get a fringe of their requirements. Some of the handlooms and power looms have actually been stopped for want of yarn. So far as Bengal is concerned it is still more unsatisfactory. Dealers' stocks of yarns have been frozen for the last several months and although such frozen stocks have accumulated on a big scale, practically no release orders have been given to the dealers and thousands of looms have been rendered idle for want of yarn. Such a state of affairs continues more or less everywhere in the country. It is hoped however that when the new scheme will be brought into operation some relief may be available to consumers.

CITY MARKETS

Share Bazar

BOMBAY, Feb. 22.

Today being "Basturda Day" no business was done on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

Bombay Cotton

BOMBAY, Feb. 22.

The local cotton market did not do any business being "Basturda Day."

COTTON PARITY

BOMBAY, Feb 22.

Indian Cotton March Contract is 500 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON RATES

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

	High	Low	Close
I.C.C. March	440/4	436	442/8
I.C.C. May	452/12	445/8	450/8
I.C.C. July	464/8	457/8	463/4
Karachi March	46/4	45/2	45/12/6

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 900 bars Silver at Rs. 126/8 and 14,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 73/14. It is reported that Gold sales would be raised to 24,000 tolas on next Wednesday.

Forward Silver opened today at Rs. 125/8 and advanced to Rs. 126/8 on speculative buying and later reacted to Rs. 126 on realising. Ready Silver for today's delivery was quoted at a premium of Rs. 1/8 at Rs. 127/8 and tomorrow delivery was quoted at a premium of annas twelve at Rs. 126/12. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 73 and advanced to Rs. 73/9 and reacted to Rs. 73/1. Ready Gold was quoted six annas higher at Rs. 73/7.

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, Feb. 22.

Hundi Koris 354, Silver Rs. 103, Gold Rs. 71/12.

HOLIDAY IN NEW YORK

The New York cotton market will remain closed on Thursday the 22nd inst.

INCREASE IN TEXTILE WAGES

New York Cotton Market Steady

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

Opening gains moderately extended on covering in March and price-fixing against textile awards and the War Labour Board order to increase textile wages five cents an hour. Prices then sagged on liquidation in sympathy with stocks and on tax proposals and good war news and usual over-holiday uncertainties. Finally trade support appeared and the market closed steady.

March opened at 22.11 and advanced to 22.13 and declined to 22.04 and steadied at 22.06. The session closed at a decline of one point to a rise of 4 points. Spot cotton price improved 3 points at 22.39c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

March	22.03—01
May	22.04+03
July	21.76+03
October	21.24+04
December	21.19+02
January	21.13+02
March highest (10.14 a m)	22.13+06
March lowest (2-48 p m)	22.04—03
Middling Spot	22.39+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	21.93+03
May	22.01—01
July	21.75+02
Middling Spot	21.50—

NOON CALL

March	22.05
May	22.02
July	21.72

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Spot 25-1/2 Forward 25-1/2 Gold Bars Fine per oz. 228/8/0

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New crop) 41 March quoted

Wheat Australian (Bags)

Wheat Australian (Bulk)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Rupee Paper 3.1/2 p c	72-1/
Consols 2-1/2 p c	32-7/8
Conversion Loan 3.1/2 p c 1961	106-7/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104.7/8
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114.7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113-1/4
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	10-13/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	89
National Bank of India	48.1/4

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, Feb. 22.

Cocoanuts Raw 83 Dry 80 Cocoanut oil 360 Copra Office 210 Dilpasand 222/8 Madrasnottam 225 Goodgoods 225 Pepper Wynaad 370 Country 360 Dryginger Chernad 270 Ernad 260 Coffee Robusta 90.

HAPUR MARKET QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, Feb. 22.

Wheat Dara Control 9/12 Arrivals 112 Mds Stock 425 Gram 8/2 Stock 41 Barley 6/12 Stock 151 Peas 6 Stock 132 Arhar 7/4 Stock 123 Maize 7/10 Bajra 8 Joar 6/10 Urd 13/14 Moong 10/12 Masoor 9/8 Rapeseed 12 Oil 36 Cake 3/2 Cottonseed Desi 9/13 Chilki 9/8 Gur Chikna 8/13 Fatwa 9/2 Arrivals 4300 Mds Bullion market continued extremely steady due to halting war news supported by higher Bombay advices on lower offerings by Reserve Bank yesterday highest touched Silver 127/14 to-day 127 Gold 72/13 Gwar Raisakh 6/15/4 Bardana 55/14.

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BOMBAY RACES

SPRING MEETING

1st Day—Saturday, 24th February, 1945

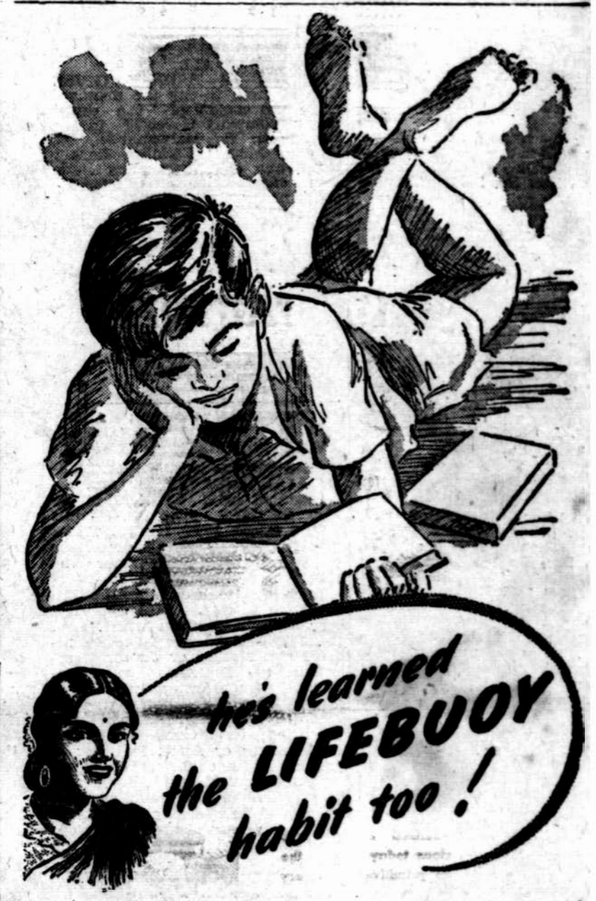
NOTICE LAWN BADGES

Owing to limited accommodation in the Members' stand, the Committee have resolved that as from 27th January, 1945, Members be limited to the purchase of two Lawn Badges only for their guests for each Race day.

DAY TICKETS:

1st Enclosure	Gentlemen	Rs. 3-0-0
	Ladies	„ 2-0-0
2nd Enclosure	.. ..	1-4-0

Racing Under Ideal Conditions



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MUTT AND JEFF—Of course there are a few odd minor details to iron out

By BUD FISHER

IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, MUTT! SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL! I DON'T REMEMBER WHERE I MET HER BUT I SHOULD HAVE MARRIED HER! SHE WAS MY MATE!
IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO FIND HER!
HOW, MUTT? HOW?
PROCESS OF ELIMINATION! FIRST WE KNOW IT'S NOT A MAN SO THAT JUST LEAVES THE WOMEN! RIGHT?
RIGHT!
SHE'S NOT A REDHEAD, BLACK OR BRUNETTE IS SHE?
NO!
SO THAT JUST LEAVES THE BLONDES
YEH, BUT THERE ARE MILLIONS OF BLONDES! THE THING IS WHERE IS SHE?
I'M COMING TO THAT! NOW TO TRACK HER DOWN! SHE WOULDN'T BE ON THE MOON OR THE STARS WOULD SHE?
NO!
SO THAT JUST LEAVES ONE PLACE — THE EARTH!

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Wanted an experienced Proof Reader on Salary of Rs. 65 plus dearness allowance of Rs. 16 and a Copy-holder on Salary of Rs. 50 plus dearness allowance of Rs. 12-8as. Minimum qualification matriculation. Apply with certificate to the Manager "Bombay Chronicle Fort, Bombay.

Wanted an experienced Mechanical Engineer who is a Graduate. Good salary. Apply soon with particulars and terms to the General Manager, Sarabhai Chemicals, Wadiwadi, Baroda. 2233

Wanted experienced smart clerk capable of keeping light accounts and stores. Must be sharp and intelligent. Apply with testimonials "Seagreen Hotel" Marine Drive. 7396

Wanted experienced and expert moulders and fitters for the Engineering department of our mills running under a reputed Marwari Concern. Apply sharp Manager Shree Romesh Cotton Mills Ltd. Morvi (Kathiawar) 2232

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY FAMILY PENSION FUND OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

NOTICE

THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Subscribers of the Bombay Family Pension Fund of Government Servants called for on Saturday, the 17th February, 1945, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), having been adjourned for want of a quorum, the adjourned meeting will be held on Saturday the 24th February, 1945, at 3 p.m. (S. T.) sharp at the Office of the Fund, Western India House, Sir Pherojshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, for the transaction of the business mentioned in the Fund's circular No. 1760 dated 13th January, 1945.

No separate intimation will be given.

By Order.

(Sd.)

Offg. Secretary & Treasurer.

Western India House,
Fort, Bombay
19-2-1945. 2223

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates of all communities to fill a permanent vacancy in the post of Assistant Electric Inspector, Bengal. Pay—130-220 with a conveyance allowance of Rs. 16 per month. The incumbent of the post will also draw the usual dearness allowance. Departmental candidates not eligible to apply. Qualifications—must have had a thorough technical education and possess electrical qualifications from a recognised Engineering College; must have had two years' practical experience in Electrical Engineering and must be able to carry out electrical tests and to draft reports. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 9th March 1945. (2238)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from to-day the management and control of the under named company is vested in Mr. Raghunath V. Mahashabde, 29, Bombay Mutual Building, Hornby Road, any one having any claim —in case being undisclosed— shall notify in writing within seven days hereof to the Gentleman herein above named after which date no claims would be entertained.

RAGHUNATH V. MAHASHABDE,
Managing Director,
The Anglo-Portuguese General Trading Company, Ltd.
Dated 23rd February.
29 Bombay Mutual Bldg.,
Hornby Road, Bombay. 7398

SECRETARY PUNJAB AND N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE

Invites applications, SEPARATELY FOR EACH POST and accompanied by a TREASURY OR M.O. RECEIPT FOR RS. 5|- IN EACH CASE, NOT LATER THAN 5TH MARCH, 1945, on prescribed forms (obtainable free) for the following temporary posts:—

(a) ONE GENERAL MANAGER, LAHORE LOCAL BUS SERVICE (for 3 years to begin with). Pay: Rs. 1,500|- fixed. Qualifications:—(i) Matriculation or Junior Cambridge. (ii) Diploma in Automobile Engineering from well known Institute preferred; (iii) Good training in Automobile Engineering; (iv) Good experience as Manager or Asstt. Manager of reputed automobile firm or transport companies, (v) Administrative capabilities. Candidates must be British subjects or subjects of notified Punjab states, Indians preferred. Age limit below 50 on 5-3-45.

(b) TWO WORKS MANAGERS (one for Rawalpindi-Kashmir, and one for Lahore Local) BUS SERVICES—(for 3 years to begin with). Pay: Rs. 500|- p.m. fixed Qualifications:—(i) Matriculation or equivalent (can be relaxed if a candidate virtually fulfils other conditions and has good command over English in reading and writing); (ii) Must be qualified Automobile Engineer; (iii) Good training in Automobile Engineering; (iv) Good practical experience as incharge of some Automobile Workshop; (v) Administrative capabilities. Candidates must be Indian British subjects or subjects of notified Punjab states, of Indian domicile. One post reserved for a Muslim and the other for a non-Muslim. Age limit below 45 on 5-3-45.

(c) TWO TRAFFIC MANAGERS (one for Rawalpindi-Kashmir, and one for Lahore Local) BUS SERVICES—(for 3 years to begin with). Pay:—(i) for Rawalpindi-Kashmir Rs. 600|- p.m.; and (ii) for Lahore Local Bus Rs. 500|- p.m. Qualifications:—(i) Matriculation or equivalent (relaxable if a candidate fulfils other conditions and has good command of English in reading and writing); (ii) Diploma in Automobile Engineering preferred; (iii) Good training in Automobile Engineering; (iv) Good experience as Manager or Asstt Manager of well reputed automobile firm or transport company; (v) Good physique and administrative capabilities. Candidates must be Indian British subjects or subjects of notified Punjab states, of Indian domicile. One post reserved for a Muslim and the other for a non-Muslim. Age limit below 40 on 5-3-45.

(d) ONE ASSTT. TECHNICAL ADVISER TRANSPORT (for duration of War). Pay:—Rs. 750|- p. m. fixed. Qualifications:—(i) Matriculation or equivalent; (ii) Must be qualified Automobile Engineer (iii) 5 years' training in Automobile line; (iv) 5 years' experience as Manager of well reputed Automobile firm, transport company or motor workshop; (v) Experience of running transport companies preferred. Candidates must be European, Anglo-Indian or Indian, British subjects or subjects of notified Punjab States. Age limit below 40 on 5-3-45. Government servants eligible in all cases. Further particulars on application. 2225

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

Finance Department (Supply),
Bombay Castle, 21st February 1945.

ORDER—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to make the following Order, namely:—

(i) With effect from 23rd February 1945 no dealer in gur (jaggery) in the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District shall—

(a) sell or cause to be sold gur (jaggery) of the qualities specified in column 1 of the schedule hereto appended imported from the Nasik, Ahmednagar, Poona, Sholapur and Satara districts—

(i) WHOLESALE at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in columns 2 and 3 thereof, and

(ii) RETAIL at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in column 4 thereof;

(b) save as otherwise provided in any Order for the time being in force, issued by a competent authority under the Defence of India Rules, on demand and offer of price, refuse to sell gur available with him to any person at the rates specified in sub-clause (a).

(2) Every dealer in gur in the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District shall—

(a) display and keep displayed in a conspicuous position in his shop or other place of business a copy of this Order;

(b) in respect of every sale of gur issue to the purchaser a Cash or other memorandum, as the case may require, containing full and correct particulars of the quality and quantity of gur sold, and the rate at, and amount for which it is sold.

(3) Any Court trying a contravention of clause (1) (b) of this Order may order that any stocks of gur (jaggery), together with packages and coverings thereof, in respect of which the Court is satisfied that the Order has been contravened, shall be forfeited to His Majesty.

EXPLANATION—For the purposes of this Order—

(a) "dealer" means a person carrying on the business whether or not in conjunction with any other business, of selling gur (jaggery);

(b) by wholesale sales mean sales in quantities of one Bengal maund (82 2|7 lb.) and above;

(c) the total amount chargeable in respect of every sale of gur shall be rounded off to the nearest whole pice a fraction of a pice equal to or exceeding 1.5 pies being counted as one pice, any smaller fraction being ignored.

SCHEDULE

Quality.	Wholesale price (ex-godown) per Bengal maund. (82 2|7 lbs.) in Bombay City.	Wholesale price (ex-godown) per Bengal maund (82 2|7 lbs.) in Bombay Suburban Dist.	Retail price per two lbs. in the Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1st Quality	16 9 0	16 3 0	0 6 9
2nd Quality	15 15 0	15 9 0	0 6 6
3rd Quality	14 9 0	14 3 0	0 6 0

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. (1953)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts likely to last for the duration of war:—

(a) 2 Script Writers, pay Rs. 400-20-600.

(b) 2 Hindustani Commentary Writers, pay Rs. 400-20-500.

(c) 1 Laboratory Supervisor Rs. 400.

War Allowance equivalent to 10 per cent. of pay will also be paid.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(a) SCRIPT WRITERS. Imagination, good general knowledge and practical experience in writing of documentary film scripts and in journalism essential.

(b) COMMENTARY WRITERS. Command of spoken and written Hindi and/or Urdu, sufficient knowledge of English and some experience of literary and/or dramatic work essential; practical experience in journalism added qualification.

(c) LABORATORY SUPERVISOR. Sound knowledge and practical experience of processes of motion picture, film developing, printing etc., essential. Must be able to check quality and condition of printing and rush work.

Applications giving full details, viz., date of birth, educational qualifications, previous experience, with copies of testimonials, if any, should reach the Administrative Officer, Information Films of India 74-94, Tardeo Road, Bombay 7, not later than 19th March, 1945. 2226

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

No. 3482 of 1945

THAKKAR VASSONJI LECTURESHIP—1945-46

THE SYNDICATE of the University of Bombay hereby invite applications for the appointment of the Lecturer for the year 1945-46. The Lecturer will be required to deliver in Bombay during the cold weather term of that year, i.e. during the period between November 1945 and March, 1946, a course of about six lectures on a subject connected with Gujarati Literature or the History of Gujarat. The honorarium for the whole course is Rs. 1,000. No travelling or other allowances will be paid to the selected candidate for delivering the lectures in Bombay.

2. Applications giving full details regarding the academic attainments teaching experience and other qualifications of the candidates should be addressed to the Registrar, University of Bombay and forwarded so as to reach him NOT LATER THAN THE 15TH MARCH, 1945.

Bombay, 20th February, 1945.

By order
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar. 2222

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of GENERAL MANAGER for a large Banking concern. Salary proposed between Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 3,000 per month according to qualifications. Gentlemen with practical Banking and organising experience and possessing sound health need apply. Candidates may be required to be present for interview before the undersigned.

DEWAN,
Mayurbhanj State. 2176

ORDER.

BAN ON EXPORT OF NACHANI

Finance Department (Supply),
Bombay Castle, 20th February 1945.

No. 11 (7) II.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Order issued in Government Notification in the Finance Department (Supply) No. 11|7|II, dated the 3rd July, 1943, as follows, namely:

In SCHEDULE I appended to the said Order, after the word "Bajri-flour", the following shall be inserted, namely:—

"nachani, nachani-flour",

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. (1953)

THE OSMANSHAHI MILLS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hyderabad-Dn.)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Osmanshahi Mills Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 159, Gunfoundry Road, Hyderabad-Deccan, on TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1945, corresponding to the 9th Ardibehisht 1354 F., at 4-0 P. M. to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th Aban 1353 F. (5th October, 1944).
2. To declare a Dividend and Bonus.
3. To appoint Directors in place of those who retire from the Board, under Articles 93 and 101 of the Company's Articles of Association, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.
6. The Transfer Books of the Company, as notified in the Press, will be closed from the 4th March, 1945, to 13th March, 1945, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board
C. S. TYABJEE,
Managing Agent,
for the Industrial Trust Fund, H.E.H. the Nizam's Government,
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.

Dated 16th February, 1945.

N.B.—The Dividend and Bonus when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after the 3rd April, 1945, to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 3rd March, 1945, and Warrants will be posted to each Shareholder to his last given address. (2235)

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL GADAG-BETGERI

Will be celebrated in the month of April, 1945. All the past students of the school are requested to send their address to the undersigned for further correspondence. Donations will be thankfully accepted.

(Sd.) K. R. SHINGATGERI,
Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee. 7384

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has voluntarily relinquished his office of the Managing Directorship of the under named company as from to-day and Mr. Raghunath V. Mahashabde is appointed the new Managing Director with powers to manage the affairs of the company.

M. G. KAMAT,
Managing Director,
The Anglo-Portuguese General Trading Co., Ltd.
20th February 1945.
211 Charni Road, Bombay. 7397

THE AZAM JAHI MILLS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hyderabad-Dn).

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Azam Jahi Mills, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 159, Gunfoundry Road, Hyderabad-Deccan, on TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1945, corresponding to the 9th Ardibehisht 1354 Fasli at 4-30 P. M. to transact the following business:

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th Aban 1353 F. (5th October, 1944).
2. To declare a Dividend and Bonus.
3. To appoint Directors in place of those who retire from the Board under Articles 94 and 102 of the Company's Articles of Association, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.
6. The Transfer Books of the Company, as notified in the Press, will be closed from the 4th March 1945 to the 13th March 1945, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board
C. S. TYABJEE,
Managing Agent,
for the Industrial Trust Fund, H.E.H. the Nizam's Government,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.

Dated 16th February, 1945.

N.B.—The Dividend and Bonus, when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after the 3rd April, 1945, to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 3rd March, 1945, and warrants will be posted to each Shareholder to his last given address. (2236)

NOTICE

THE MECHANICAL AND TRANSPORT ENGINEER to Government B. P. Poona, requires persons, preferably natives of Bombay Province, and from agricultural families in the Deccan, as Trainees for posts with the Government of Bombay Agricultural Department—Tractor Section. Applicants for the posts of Supervisors and Mechanics should have high educational qualifications, and if possible, practical experience in agricultural, mechanical or electrical engineering. The pay of the posts is as follows:—

Supervisors	Rs. 200-10-300
Mechanics	Rs. 130-10-250
Clerks Tech St.	Rs. 90-5|2-115
T|Drivers	Rs. 70-5-100
Lorry Drivers	Rs. 60-5|2-80

Plus dearness allowance to the sanctioned scale.

The posts are of a temporary nature on contract basis, (probable contract period from 3 to 5 years) and may ultimately be made permanent. The candidates will be required to train in all grades mentioned, so as to have a thorough knowledge of the work. Selected applicants will be required to present themselves for interview by the undersigned.

Lt.-Col. W. N. BATES,
Mechanical & Transport Engineer to Govt. Agricultural Department. B. P. Poona.
POONA. 2228

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIFF OF UDIPI. SOUTH-KANARA DISTRICT, MADRAS PROVINCE.

R.I.As 1120 and 1121 of 1944
O.S. 101 of 1944.

Rev. Fr. SIMON CLEMENT LOUIS & another: .. Petitioners (Plaintiffs)

Vs.

PIAD SOUZA BAI and another: .... Respondents (Defendants)

To:

(1) Anthony Fernandez, son of Paul Fernandez, The Popular Restaurant, Pitha Street, Fort, Bombay.

(2) P. S. D'Souza, son of Paul Souza, (No. 8659, R.I.N, Barracks, Dockyard, Bombay.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petitioners have applied, in the aforesaid R.I.As to implead you as supplemental 13th and 14th defendants respectively as two of the representatives of the deceased 1st defendant Piad Souza Bai and for consequential amendments in the plaint. The said R.I.As stand posted to 3-3-1945 at 11 A. M. for your appearance on which date on your failure to appear the matters will be decided EX-PARTE.

B. VASUDEVA RAO,
Advocate for petitioners.
Udipi: 6th Feb. 1945. (7399)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. B-24231 for 5 shares Nos. 236151-55 in the Reserve Bank of India, issued in the name of Harilal Ramjibhai, has been destroyed by fire and lost. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with Share Certificate in any way.

HARILAL RAMJI MEHTA.
Bombay D|23-2-45. 7394

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Institute will be held at 5 P.M. (N.S.T.) on WEDNESDAY, 28th February, 1945 at the Bathbol's Accountancy Institute, Trafford House, Murzban Road, Fort, Bombay, for considering the draft Bye-Laws framed by the Committee and, if thought fit, adopting the same.

All Registered Accountants are requested to attend. 2230

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 158 of 1945.

THE JWALA BANK, LTD., a Company, constituted under the Indian Companies' Act and having its Registered Office at Agra and the Branch Office at Hornby Road, within the Fort of Bombay .. Plaintiffs.

vs.

SHANTIPRASAD GOBINDRAM KHANDARIA, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant, residing at 321 D, Suresh Sadan, Vincent Road, Matunga, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendant

To,

SANTIPRASAD GOBINDRAM KHANDARIA, Esq.,

The Defendant abovenamed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs abovenamed have filed this suit against you praying that a decree for the sum of Rs. 5,238-7-10 with interest on the said sum from 30th September, 1944, at the rate of 1 per cent per mensem costs and interest on judgment be passed against you and that the Plaintiffs Accountant or any other person may be appointed Receiver of the goods mentioned in the Plaint with power to sell the same and apply the net sale proceeds thereof towards the satisfaction of the decretal amount and if the net sale proceeds are insufficient to satisfy the decretal amount the Plaintiffs be given liberty to apply for personal decree for the balance. You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on the 6th day of March, 1945, at 11 O'clock (N.S|T.) in the forencon, in person or by an Advocate (O. S.) duly instructed by an Attorney of this Hon'ble Court and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit. You must produce all your witnesses on that day and you are hereby given notice that in default of your appearance on the day abovementioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence. Witness Sir LEONARD STONE, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 31st day of January, 1945.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR,
for Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Messrs. Nagindas Hooseinally & Co.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys. (2229)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ABDEALLY YUSUFALLY MAMAJI and ABBASBHOY SHAIKH ABDULHUSSEIN DAGINAWALA, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property of any kind whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same if any, will be considered as waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of perpetual Fazandari land together with the buildings standing thereon situate at Mirza Street, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring one hundred and sixty-seven and four-ninths square yards bearing Collector's New No. 2796 and Cadastral Survey No. 1284 of Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal C Ward No. 620-620A and Street No. 41|43 and are bounded as follows, on the East by the property of Esmailji Sulemanji on the West by the property of Rustomji Eduljl, on the North by the said Mirza Street and on the South by a Sweeper's passage.

Dated this 21st day of February 1945.

DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
All Chambers, Meadows St.,
Fort Bombay. 2220

PUBLIC NOTICES

SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N. W. F. P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES APPLICATIONS from British subjects and subjects of notified Punjab States (Punjabis preferred) on or before the 16th March, 1945 on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5|- for a temporary (for about three years for the present) post of WARDEN OF FISHERIES, Punjab. Pay: Rs. 300-1,000|- p. m. Qualifications: M.Sc. (1st Class) in Zoology or a higher degree from a recognised university; special training and experience in Fisheries work preferred. Age-limits: 22-30 years; maximum age-limit relaxable in special cases; no age-limit for Government servants, who are eligible. Further particulars on application. (2224)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MULJI RANCHHODDAS, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Fort Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate on the Elphinstone Land Estate situate, lying and being at Ahmedabad Street, outside the Fort in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 689-6|9 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector's New Survey No. 3186, Cadastral Survey No. 31 in the Princess Dock Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector under B Ward No. 5482 to 5484 and bearing Street Nos. 14, 16 and 18 and registered with the Port Trust of Bombay under RR No. 261 and bounded as follows, on or towards the North by the land in the occupation of Narayan Dossa, on or towards the South by the Ahmedabad Street, on or towards the East by the land in the occupation of Deoraj Kastoor and on or towards the West by the land in the occupation of Jamnadas Narsey.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1945.

THAKORDAS & MADGAVKAR,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (2221)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HAJI FATEHMAHOMED HAJI JANMAHOMED, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 101, Manatma Gandhi Road (Esplanade Road) Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Ismail Curtey Cross Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement One hundred and eighty-one (181) square yards or thereabouts but according to the City Survey Extract about One hundred and eighty-six (186) square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 94 and New No. 7407, Old Survey No. 1554 and New Survey No. 1020 and Cadastral Survey No. 3378 of Bhuleshwar Division and bounded, on or towards the East by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 3379 owned by Ahmed Allarakhia, on or towards the West and North by Ismail Curtey Cross Lane and on or towards the South by Ismail Curtey Road, and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "C" Ward No. 6312 and Street Nos. 8 to 20.

Dated this 21st day of February 1945

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